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OF THE

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CITY OF BOSTON.

In School Committee, Jan. 8, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of His Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of the organization of the Board for the present municipal year. Hon. William Gaston, Mayor, President of the Board, in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Edson, Flynn, Haskins, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Morse (H. G.), Palmer, Porter, of Ward 16, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Ricker, Sanford, Upham, Whelton, Willard, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

By request of the President the Reverend Mr. Cudworth offered an address to the Throne of Grace. Prayer.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Stedman, Fogg, and Adams, of Ward 12, to collect the certificates of election of newly elected members. The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported the names of the gentlemen whose certificates they had received, with the terms respectively for which they were elected. The report was Certificates of election.

accepted. Said certificates were afterwards referred to the Committee on Elections.

Secretary chosen.

The Board then proceeded to choose a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Learnard, Emery, and Richardson, a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was seventy, of which Barnard Capen had sixty-five, and there were five scattering. Mr. Capen was accordingly declared elected.

Salary of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop, the salary of the Secretary was fixed at two thousand dollars.

Rules and Regul'tions.

On motion of Dr. Hall, the Rules of the Board and Regulations of the Public Schools for the last year were adopted.

Standing Committees appointed.

The President then announced the Standing Committees of the Board for the present year, which the Board adopted.

Industrial Schools: committee on.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop: —

Ordered, That a special committee of seven be appointed on the subject of Industrial Schools.

The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. S. K. Lothrop, Curtis, Shurtleff, M. Merrill, Bigelow, Adams, of Ward 16, and Learnard.

Teacher nominated.

Dr. Allen nominated, as on probation, Miss Martha A. Smith, head-assistant in the Sherwin School, services commencing January 2d.

Unfinished business of last year.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hutchins, that all business which was unfinished at the close of the last meeting of the School Committee be assumed by this Board at the same stage at which it was left, and that all business in the hands of committees be referred, in the same stage in which it was left, to the same committees.

Appropriation for clerk-hire in

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Learnard, that the Committee on Accounts be empowered to expend, in concur-

rence with the Committee on Rules and Regulations, a sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty dollars, for clerk-hire in the office of the Secretary, for the current year. the office of the Secretary.

The Chair read a communication from Wm. S. Pelletier, notifying the Board that he contested the seat of Dr. James Waldock, from Ward 15, as a member of the Board for the coming three years, and asking for a recount of the votes, believing that there was an error in the original count. The Chair likewise read a communication, signed Albert F. Cole, Eben Jackson, and eight others, legal voters of Ward 7, requesting that the votes given for School Committee in said ward, on the 11th of December last, may be recounted, believing that errors occurred in counting said votes, and that by correcting the same the seat in the Board given to Edward C. Leonard will be given to another candidate. Contested seat—Ward 15. Contested seat—Ward 7.

Both of said communications were referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Chair read a communication from J. S. Roraback, residing in Brookline, asking that his daughter, Ida W., may be continued at the Girls' High and Normal School without the payment of tuition, which, he states, he is unable to pay. On motion of Mr. Washburn the communication was referred to the Committee on Accounts. Petition of J. S. Roraback: tuition of daughter.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Rust, that the Secretary be directed to prepare, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, and distribute to the members of this Board as soon as practicable, a Manual of the Public Schools for the present year. Manual of the Public Schools.

On motion of Dr. Hall, the Secretary was directed to cause the minutes of the Board to be printed in the same manner as for the past year. Minutes to be printed.

List of Committees.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, that the Secretary be directed to prepare and print a list of Committees for the current year, as soon as the Committees shall have been duly organized.

Committee on Drawing: Mr. Perkins added.

Mr. Brigham moved that the name of Mr. Charles C. Perkins be added to the Committee on Drawing, and that the rules be suspended for that purpose. The Board voted that the rules be suspended, and then adopted the motion of Mr. Brigham.

Proceedings of last year to be bound.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Shattuck, that the Secretary be instructed to have copies of the proceedings of the School Board during the past year bound, and that a copy of the same be furnished to each member of the Board.

"The National Music Course for Graded Schools."

On motion of Mr. Underwood the Board took from the table the matter of the text-book in music, — "The National Music Course for Graded Schools" (Dec. 12, 1871), — and referred the same to the Committee on Music.

The teachers not to teach in Evening Schools.

Mr. Monroe offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of providing that no teacher employed in the service of the city in the day-time shall be allowed to become a teacher in the Evening Schools. Passed.

Special committee on matter of furloughs, resignations, etc.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to an order passed at the last meeting, the special committee upon the subject of the irregularity in the methods of granting furloughs to teachers, and the acceptance of resignations, etc., to wit: Messrs. Hunt, Learnard, Waterston, Mason and Monroe.

Messenger to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to consider and report with reference to the appointment of a messenger to this Board.

On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop: —

A distinct Normal School: special committee.

Ordered, That a special committee of seven be appointed, at the next meeting of the Board, upon the subject of a distinct Normal School.

The Board then, on motion of Dr. Hall, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 13, 1872.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of February, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs Adams, of Ward 16, Conboye, Cudworth, Fallon, Flynn, Foster, Frost, Garceau, Haskins, Lloyd, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Rankin, Reynolds, Seaverns, Shattuck, Toland, Whelton, Willard, Woodbury. Absent.

The Chair read the resignation of Rev. George F. Haskins, of Ward 2, and the resignation was accepted. Resignation of George F. Haskins.

Mr. Ricker offered the following: —

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of George F. Haskins, of Ward 2; — Vacancy: Convention proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

The order passed.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy, viz.: — Committee to nominate.

Messrs. Fraser, Badger, Flynn, Noble and Slade.

The Chair read a communication from the Directors of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking the consent of the Board to offer Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

Prizes.

prizes in the various Grammar and High Schools for compositions on kindness to animals.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 11, the communication was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with full powers.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

English High School. — Albert Hale, master; and L. H. Buckingham, J. W. Keene, and L. Z. Collins, submasters.

Girls' High and Normal School. — Bessie T. Capen, teacher of Chemistry.

Bigelow School. — Alonzo Meserve, usher; and Malvena Tenny, assistant.

Comins School. — Anna L. Hudson and Ellen H. Holt, Primary teachers.

Dwight School. — Thomas J. Emery, usher, and Ruth G. Rich, master's assistant.

Prescott School District. — Mary M. Foster and L. W. Hasell, Primary teachers.

Rice School District. — Ella F. Wyman, a Primary teacher.

Shurtleff School District. — Mary A. Jenkins, Grace E. Gragg, and Julia F. Baker, Primary teachers.

Dorchester School District. — A. A. Brigham, as Primary teacher in the Minot School, commencing with the present school year.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

English High School. — Thomas J. Emery, submaster.

Girls High and Normal School. — Florena Gray, commencing February 12th.

Comins School District. — Caroline D. Putnam and Miss Gragg, Primary teachers, commencing February 12th.

Chapman School. — Harriet E. Morrill, an assistant, commencing February 3d.

Dearborn School District. — Mary E. McCarty, an assistant, and Abbie L. Baker, a Primary teacher, both commencing February 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Helen E. Head and Sarah C. Winn, assistants, commencing February 19th, and Adelia E. Haslet, a Primary teacher, commencing January 2d.

Lewis School. — Annie E. Boynton, an assistant.

Prescott School District. — Harriet F. Parker, a Primary teacher, commencing January 2d.

Evening Schools.—In Chambers-st. Chapel, Miss Kate Wilson, commencing Oct. 23, 1871; in Franklin School-house, Mrs. T. A. Knowlton and Clara E. Gray; in Richmond street, Mrs. N. W. Trumbull. Evening Schools.

Mr. Morse presented the resignation of Emma C. Wales, a Primary teacher in the Dearborn School District, to take effect Jan. 31, 1872, and the resignation was accepted. Resignation.

Mr. Waterston offered the following order:—

Ordered, That the tuition fees of R. T. Sargent, a non-resident pupil attending the English High School, be remitted for the current school year. Eng. High School: Tuition of a non-resident.

Referred, on motion of Dr. Waldock, to the Committee on Accounts.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School-Houses:—

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for two grammar classes, one school for special instruction, and one Primary school, in the Lincoln School District. Lincoln District: accommodations.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide accommodations for a Primary school at present Prescott School District.

accommodations.

located in the Prescott School-house, and obliged to vacate for the accommodation of a new grammar class, just formed.

New Primary School-house.

3. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to take the necessary steps for the erection of a Primary School-house in the Prescott district.

Roxbury High School-house: alterations.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be instructed to make alterations and improvements on the Roxbury High School building, at a cost of not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, for the better accommodation of said school.

Dorchester District, and Lewis and Dearborn sections.

5. *Ordered*, That the Committee on School-Houses be directed to inquire and report as to whether it is expedient to make any changes in the line dividing the Dorchester School district from the sections of the Lewis and Dearborn Schools.

Lot for Boylston School-house.

6. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land and erect thereon a suitable school-house for the Boylston School.

English High and Latin Schools: sites for new school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Noble, the report of the Committee on School-Houses — made to the City Council, upon the subject of sites upon which to erect school-houses for the English High and Latin Schools—was taken from the table and referred to the same committee.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Upon the first two of the foregoing orders the Committee on School-Houses subsequently reported, recommending the passage of the orders. The question was taken upon the said orders, and they were both adopted.

Reports of Committee on Elections: - certificates of election.

Mr. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Elections, submitted the following reports: —

1. Upon the certificates of election of newly elected members of the Board, which had been referred to them, that the committee had examined the certificates, and found them correct. The report was accepted.

2. That the committee, agreeably to the request of sundry petitioners in Wards Seven and Fifteen, had counted the votes for members of the School Committee in those wards, and found that certificates of election were properly given to Messrs. Connor and Leonard, of Ward Seven, and to Messrs. Dunning and Waldock, of Ward Fifteen. Accepted. Contested seats in Wards 15 and 7.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That the order passed January 2, providing for the keeping of a horse for Messrs. Sharland, Holt and Mason, be so far amended as to provide that the same take effect at the beginning of the present school year. Horse and Carriage for teachers of music.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That Master E. R. Kingsbury be allowed to remain in the English High School the present school year, upon the payment of one-half the year's tuition. English High School: tuition of Kingsbury.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to employ the City Messenger to act as messenger to this Board for the present municipal year, and that the compensation be three hundred dollars. Messenger.

Dr. Upham submitted the following: —

The Committee on Music, to whom was referred the matter of text-books in music, "The National Music Course for Graded Schools," respectfully report that, in their judgment, the first in the series, that for Primary Schools, should be authorized by the Board. They therefore offer the following order: — The National Music Course for Graded Schools.

Ordered, That the rules be suspended, so that the series for Primary School instruction in Music be at once adopted, and the books placed in the schools.

Mr. Merrill read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the order which was referred to them January 2, to provide for the giving of instruction in English High School.

Instrumental Drawing.

Instrumental Drawing in the English High School, submitting a statement of the condition of the appropriation for instruction in Drawing at the present time; and reported that, under the circumstances, the committee could not recommend the appointment of an additional teacher of Drawing in the English High School.

On motion of Mr. Monroe, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Underwood presented the petition of Leopold Morse and forty-two others, asking the Board to introduce the German language in all the classes of the High schools. The subject was referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12: —

Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That a committee of nine be appointed by the Chair, at the next regular meeting of this Board, to make arrangements for the Annual School Festival.

Boylston, Franklin, and Rice Districts: school for special instruction.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of conference, from the Boylston, Franklin, and Rice School Districts, be authorized to establish, organize, and put in operation a school for special instruction, composed of pupils taken from the three districts, to be located in the building occupied by the Boylston School.

On motion of Mr. Monroe: —

Annual Report: edition for general distribution.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Annual Report for 1871 be instructed to prepare, and cause to be printed, an edition of the same for general distribution among the citizens of Boston, the copies so printed not to exceed ten thousand in number.

Dr. Ordway offered the following, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

One session: amendment proposed.

Ordered, That Section 7, Chapter VIII. be so amended that the matter of one session of the Grammar and Primary Schools be left to the master of each district,

instead of to the Superintendent; and that the 10th, 11th and 12th lines of said section relating to the same, be erased.

On motion of Dr. Waldock, amended by Mr. Monroe:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to consider the expediency of furnishing stationery, slates, writing books, and drawing books, for school use, to all pupils of the public schools. Stationery, slates, etc., for the pupils.

On motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Ordered, That a vote of the Board, passed May 9, limiting the amount to be expended in the department of Drawing in the public schools to ten thousand dollars, during the present financial year, be and hereby is rescinded. Drawing: vote rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward Eleven: —

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand dollars additional be appropriated for instruction in Drawing in the public schools. Drawing: additional appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Brigham: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate five thousand dollars for the expenses of the Evening Drawing School, for the present year. Evening Drawing Schools: appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Brigham: —

Ordered, That Mr. Edward K. Clark be employed ten hours a week, at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum, to give instruction in Instrumental Drawing in the English High School. English High School: Instrumental Drawing.

Agreeably to the order passed Jan. 8th, the Chair appointed the special committee on the subject of a distinct Normal School, as follows: viz., Messrs. L. Lothrop, Cudworth, Merrill, of Ward Eleven, Kneeland, Noble, Learnard, and Hutchins. Committee to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, of Ward Four: —

Ordered, That the committee on the subject of a distinct Normal School be permitted to report in print.

Kindergarten School: Committee.

On motion of Dr. Curtis: —

Ordered, That a special committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to take charge of the Kindergarten School. Passed; and the Chair appointed the following as the committee, namely: Messrs. Curtis, Shattuck, Rust, Reynolds, Kneeland, Baldwin, and Fogg.

Adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 12, 1872.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Brigham, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Cushing, Deblois, Dunning, Emery, Fogg, Garceau, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Maguire, Mason, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, H. G. Morse, Palmer, Read, of Ward 10, Reynolds, Washburn, Whelton, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of George F. Haskins; and the same was accepted. Convention.

Mr. Fraser, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, reported the name of Samuel Hosea, Jr., and the report was accepted.

The convention was held. The Chair appointed Alderman Jenks and Messrs. Monroe and Sanford a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 58; of which Samuel Hosea, Jr., had 57, and he was accordingly declared elected. The convention then dissolved. Samuel Hosea, Jr., chosen.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed.

Everett School District. — Alice E. Shedd, a Primary teacher.

Lawrence School District. — Mary E. H. Ottiwell, an assistant, and Ann E. McGrath, a Primary teacher.

Lewis School District. — Joanna Monroe and Caroline Eliot, Primary teachers.

Sherwin School District. — Alice T. Kelley, an assistant, and Annie H. Berry, a Primary teacher.

Dorchester School District. — Edna L. Gleason, a Primary teacher in the Atherton School; Abbie L. W. Everett and Helen M. Hills, assistants, and Annie W. Ford, a Primary teacher, in the Dorchester-Everett School; Mary C. Edes, a Primary teacher in the Harris School; Sarah E. Austin, an assistant in the Mather School.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Franklin School. — Laura B. White and Kate E. Blanchard, assistants, commencing Feb. 12th.

Lewis School District. — Eloise B. Wolcott, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 5th.

Prescott School District. — Sarah T. Litchfield, an assistant, commencing Feb. 20th.

Winthrop School. — Elizabeth H. Bird, an assistant, commencing Sept. 4th, 1871.

Dorchester School District. — E. Louise Brown, a Primary teacher, commencing Jan. 1st.

Report of Committee on Elections.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, reported that the committee had received and examined the certificate of election of Edward B. Rankin, and found the same to be correct. The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Hall read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, upon the order (Jan. 8) directing the committee to consider the expediency of providing that

no teacher employed in the service of the city in the day-time be allowed to teach in the Evening Schools. The committee report that the rules of the Board are now sufficiently explicit upon this matter, and that, in their opinion, no farther legislation thereon is necessary. The report was accepted.

The teachers not to teach in Evening Schools.

Dr. Hall read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order (Feb. 13th) proposing so to amend Section 7, Chapter VIII., as to leave with the masters of the Grammar Schools the matter of signalizing a single session of the schools in stormy weather, instead of with the Superintendent of Schools.

One session.

The committee report that, in their opinion, the present arrangement is satisfactory; that it works admirably, and that no change should be made; and that, therefore, the order ought not to pass. The report was accepted.

Dr. Hall, from the same committee, made a verbal statement relative to the matter referred to them, of the proposition of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to offer prizes in the schools for compositions on kindness to animals: that the committee heard the testimony of Mr. Fay, the secretary of the society, as to the object in view, which was to induce a more humane feeling, on the part of the children, in regard to the treatment of animals. The committee considered the matter favorably, and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to confer with Mr. Fay, in making the announcement to the schools.

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: prizes for compositions.

Dr. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses, to whom the subjects had been referred, submitted for adoption the following orders: —

Reports of Committee on School-houses: Washington and Dudley Schools.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a site, and cause to be erected thereon, a Grammar School-house of sixteen rooms, in which may be consolidated the Washington and Dudley Schools; said site to

be located south of Washington and north of Cedar street.

Prescott District; new Primary School-house.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to take the necessary steps for the erection of a Primary School-house in the Prescott School District.

Both of the orders were adopted.

English High School; site for new School-house.

Dr. Johnson also read the report of the Committee on School-houses on the matter of a site for a new school-house for the English High School; that the almost unanimous opinion of the committee on this subject is the same as that of the committee of last year, namely, the lot of land on Warren avenue. The committee say: "It is, however, due to the Committee on the English High School to state that they, by their vote, have indicated a different location as their preference, namely, what is called the Back-Bay lot."

The committee recommended the adoption of the following order, — the Chairman dissenting from so much of the report as indicated the location named in the order:

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a suitable lot of land on Warren avenue as a site for a new building for the English High School.

The report was accepted and the order adopted.

On motion of Mr. Flint, amended by Mr. Hutchins: —

Annual School Festival: amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested so to amend Section 37, Chapter IX, of the Rules of the School Committee, as to make it conform to the present usage in regard to holding the Annual School Festival, and to correct any inaccuracy which may be found to exist in the recent issue of the Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Printing.

Dr. Bigelow, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, reported that the amount expended for printing for the past year, was $7,363.21. Accepted.

Mr. Perkins submitted and read the report of the Committee on Drawing, to the effect that marked improvement had been noticed in the work of the pupils. Report of Committee on Drawing.

Dr. Bigelow read the report of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, and offered in connection therewith the following order: — School for Deaf Mutes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the School for Deaf Mutes.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses. Subsequently, Dr. Johnson, from the Committee on School-houses, reported that the order ought to pass. The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

The Quarterly Reports of the several High School and District Committees were presented and accepted, the reading of the same, on motion of Mr. Monroe, being dispensed with. Quarterly Reports.

The following orders were offered and were referred to the Committee on School-houses.

1. By Mr. Brown: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new building for the purposes of a Grammar School, to be used in place of the one now occupied by the Brimmer School. Brimmer School: new school-house.

2. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the upper story of the Gibson School-house, Dorchester District, so that it shall contain two or more school-rooms. Dorchester District: Gibson School-house.

3. By Dr. Curtis: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish land and build a Grammar School-house, on the Back Bay, between Newbury and Beacon streets. New school-house on the Back Bay.

4. By Mr. Allen, of Ward 1: —

Chapman School: land for yard.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to procure, for the better accommodation of the Chapman School, what additional land it is desirable to obtain for the purpose of extending the area of the yard.

The following orders in relation to school-houses were adopted: —

1. By Mr. Monroe: —

Lewis School-house: master's private room.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make provision for a master's private room in the Lewis School-house, provided it be feasible to accomplish this purpose without encroaching upon any of the necessary conveniences of the school.

2. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16: —

Dorchester District; Mather School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional temporary accommodations for one class of the Mather School, in the Dorchester District.

3. By Mr. Underwood: —

Latin School: new School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report, at the next meeting of the Board, upon the propriety of erecting a new building for the Latin School.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following order: —

Dorchester District: head assistants.

Ordered, That a head-assistant, who shall not be counted in determining the number of teachers for the school, be allowed in the Everett, the Mather, the Gibson, the Harris, the Minot, and the Stoughton Schools, of the Dorchester District, with an annual salary of eight hundred dollars, payable from the first of April next.

Referred to the Committees on Rules and Regulations and Salaries.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood: —

School sessions suspended.

Ordered, That the President of the Board be requested to suspend the sessions of the public schools on the forenoon of Saturday following the holiday of Good Friday.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed, agreeably to an order passed Jan. 8th, upon the subject of a distinct Normal School, submitted and read the report of that committee. . A distinct Normal School: report of committee.

The committee believe that the daughters of our citizens who intend to become teachers should receive a better preparation than is now secured to them; and they believe this to be eminently desirable and practicable, and that such qualifications can be secured by a Normal School, such as Boston can and ought to have. The committee therefore offered for adoption the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the committee on the subject of a distinct Normal School be and hereby are authorized to report to this Board a plan for the organization of a Normal School in the City of Boston, which school shall be established and go into operation at the beginning of the next school year.

2. *Ordered*, That the same committee be authorized to secure for the accommodation of said Normal School the rooms now unoccupied in the Appleton-street Schoolhouse.

The question was taken upon the orders, and they were both adopted.

Mr. Ricker, in some appropriate remarks, announced the death of Mr. John F. Flynn, a member of the Board from Ward Two; and offered the following resolutions: — Resolutions on the death of John F. Flynn.

Resolved, That the Board has received with deep sorrow the intelligence of the death of its honored member, John F. Flynn, Esq.

Resolved, That Mr. Flynn's long connection with this Board and our schools, his faithful discharge of all the duties incumbent upon such a trust, and of the many additional responsibilities which have from time to time

devolved upon him, had won for him our sincere regard and esteem.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Records of the Board, in testimony of our sincere respect for our late associate; and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

After some further remarks by Dr. Ordway, upon the character of Mr. Flynn, the question was taken upon the resolutions and they were adopted.

Mr. Ricker offered the following: —

Vacancy: convention proposed.

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the death of John F. Flynn, of Ward Two: —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, the ninth day of April next, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

The order passed.

Committee to nominate.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, viz., Messrs. Ricker, Porter, Badger, Rust, and Shurtleff.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, the following order was referred with full powers to the Committee on Printing: —

Map of the city and the school sections.

Ordered, That each member of this Board shall be furnished with a map of the city, with the School Sections separately delineated, and their boundaries printed, bound with the next report of the Superintendent, giving statistics of the schools.

Mr. Ricker offered the following order: —

Cutter's Physiological and Anatomical Charts.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to furnish Cutter's Physiological and Anatomical Charts to such schools as may require them.

Referred, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, to the Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Hunt: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the School Festival be instructed not to furnish refreshments to the public, on the occasion of the next festival.

School Festival: no refreshments.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting of the Board, the Committee on the School Festival, as follows: viz., Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Johnson, Hall, Hobbs, Noble, Richardson, Whelton, Seaverns, and Porter, of Ward 16.

Committee on School Festival.

The Chair also appointed upon the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, Dr. Shurtleff; and upon the Committee on Rules and Regulations, Mr. Fraser; — both in place of George F. Haskins, resigned.

Vacancies filled in Committees.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 9, 1872.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen of Ward 14, Bachelder, Bigelow, Brown, Clock, Conboye, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Edson, Hutchins, Leonard, Lloyd, Lothrop, of Ward 4, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Packard, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Shattuck, Stedman, Thornton, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Willard, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair appointed Mr. Samuel Hosea, Jr., upon the committees on the Latin School, and the Eliot and Hancock School Districts, to fill vacancies in those committees caused by the resignation of Mr. Haskins. Vacancies in Committees filled.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of the School Committee for a convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of John F. Flynn, of Ward 2. Convention.

The convention was held.

Mr. Porter, of Ward 2, from the committee appointed at the last meeting to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, reported the name of Bernard A. Flynn.

The Chair appointed Alderman Clark, and Messrs. Rust and Porter, of Ward 2, a committee to collect the ballots, who attended to their duty, and reported the

whole number of ballots to be 43; necessary for a choice, 22; that Bernard A. Flynn had 38, Elbridge G. Brown 2, William A. Simmons, Robert White, and Thomas J. Brophy, 1 each. Upon the declaration of the result, the Chair ruled that the election was void, for the reason that a *quorum* of the convention had not voted.

Voted to proceed to another ballot, which was then had with the following result: Whole number of votes, 51; necessary for a choice, 26. Bernard A. Flynn had 42, Elbridge G. Brown 4, Robert White, Jr., 2, Robert White 1, William A. Simmons 1, Thomas J. Brophy, 1.

Thereupon Dr. Shurtleff raised the following point of order, namely, that under the statute governing these elections, "a majority of the ballots of *persons entitled to vote* shall be necessary for an election," and that, as such majority had not voted, this balloting was void.

After some discussion, Mr. Learnard asked the Chair to rule upon the point presented, whereupon the Chair sustained the point raised by Dr. Shurtleff, and declared the ballot to be void, for the reason that the "persons *entitled to vote*" are all the members of the School Committee, and of the Board of Aldermen, namely, of the School Committee, 97 members (there being 1 vacancy), and of the Board of Aldermen 12 members, making to-day 109 members, a majority of whom (55) is requisite to a choice.

Mr. Monroe appealed from the decision of the Chair; but the decision was unanimously sustained.

The convention proceeded to a third ballot with the following result: Whole number of ballots, 63; necessary for a choice, 55. Bernard A. Flynn had 37, Robert White, Jr., 21, Dr. Waldock 3, E. G. Brown 1, Thomas J. Brophy, 1. Under the decision of the convention, there was again no choice.

Mr. Monroe thereupon moved that the subject be assigned, for further consideration, to the second Tuesday in May, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., and that this convention be adjourned to that day and hour. The motion passed, and the Board of Aldermen then retired.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Adams School District. — Grace E. Wasgatt, a Primary teacher.

Lincoln School District. — Mary E. Powell, a Primary teacher.

Norcross School. — Amanda Marble, a head assistant, commencing Jan. 11th.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation: —

Boylston School District. — Martha L. Beckler, teacher of a class for special instruction, commencing March 1st.

Dwight School. — Walter S. Parker, usher, commencing March 7th.

Rice School. — Martha E. Pritchard, master's head-assistant, commencing April 1st.

Shurtleff School District. — Rosabel Aldrich, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 5th. Ella C. Handy, an assistant, by transfer, which the Board confirmed, from a Primary School in the same district.

H. T. Reed: concert.

The Chair read a communication from H. T. Reed, asking to have a concert, to be given by him on Wednesday, April 17th, announced in the public schools. The communication was referred to the Committee on Music.

Two musical exhibitions to be given.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order was adopted: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be directed to give *two* exhibitions, on different days this ensuing month, in place of one, as directed by the rules, to one of which

the parents of the pupils who take part in the performances shall be invited, and for whom seats shall be reserved in preference to all other persons.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following order: —

English-High School: absence of J. P. Brown.

Ordered, That Mr. J. P. Brown, a sub-master in the English High School, have leave of absence from his duties, for the recovery of his health, till the second Monday in September next; that his salary be continued, and a substitute provided without expense to him.

A motion to suspend the rules for the passage of the order was lost. The order was then referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on School-houses. Gibson School, Dorchester District.

Dr. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on School Houses, reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to remodel the upper story of the Gibson School-house, Dorchester District, so that it shall contain two or more rooms. The question was taken upon the order, and the order passed.

Latin School, new School-house.

Dr. Johnson, from the Committee on School Houses, asked for further time upon the order passed at the last meeting requesting the committee to report upon the propriety of erecting a new building for the Latin School, and the request was granted.

Mr. Underwood offered the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That a new building is needed for the Latin School as well as for the English High School.

Latin and English-High Schools. Resolutions as to new school-houses.

Resolved, That, in providing new accommodations for these schools, their several interests and the interests of the city will be consulted by having their halls for exhibition, for drill, for music, and for other purposes, as well as their library and collections of apparatus, in one building, to be used by both schools under joint regulations.

After a considerable discussion of the subject-matter of

the resolutions, upon motion of Mr. Underwood the resolutions were laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Ordered, That the Committees on the Latin and English High Schools be instructed to consider and report to the Board, at its next meeting, upon the expediency of continuing those schools hereafter in the joint occupancy of one school building.

Latin and English-High Schools: one school-house for both schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Ricker: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to prepare a room for school purposes in the basement of the Eliot School House.

Eliot School-house: accommodations.

Mr. Brigham offered the following: —

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the Annual Exhibition of the Drawings of the pupils in the public schools, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, and that the exhibition be held at such time in the month of May as the committee may deem expedient.

Annual Exhibition of Drawings: appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Allen, of Ward One, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish better accommodations for the Primary school now located in a hired building on Monmouth street; also the Primary schools on Lexington street, Chapman District.

Chapman District: accommodations for Primary schools.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Dr. Lothrop, Chairman of the Committee on the subject of Industrial Schools, submitted a report from that committee.

Industrial Schools: Report of Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear it was voted to print the report.

Accompanying the report were the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That, on and after the opening of the

Sewing. schools in September next, Sewing, now taught in the sixth, fifth, and fourth classes of the girls' Grammar schools shall be gradually introduced into the other three classes of said schools; the present fourth class with its successors, as it advances from the fourth to the third, and from the third to the second, and from the second to the first, shall continue to receive instruction in sewing, so that in three years from this time it may be universally taught in all the classes of the girls' schools, and more thorough and progressive instruction given.

2. *Ordered*, That, whenever the gradual progress of this plan permits, practical instruction in cutting, sloping, fitting, and thoroughly making children's and ladies' garments shall be given to the members of the first and second classes of the girls' Grammar schools, and that, in preparation for it, the district committee of each girls' school shall procure and nominate to this Board a sewing teacher, thoroughly competent to give the aforesaid instruction and, devoting her whole time to the work, to take the whole teaching and general supervision and charge of the department of Sewing in the school to which she is appointed; her salary to be hereafter determined by this Board, but never to exceed the highest salary paid to any female assistant in the public schools.

3. *Ordered*, That, when the gradual progress of this plan makes it necessary, the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish, on the requisition of each district committee, all the materials necessary to give the contemplated instruction in cutting and making garments, to an extent not exceeding two hundred dollars annually to each school, and not exceeding fifty dollars to any one room.

4. *Ordered*, That each district committee be authorized, if at any time they shall deem it expedient, to select and associate with them one or more, not exceeding three, competent ladies from their district, to aid them in such ways as are practicable, in superintending or carrying out this plan of thorough instruction in sewing.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford: —

Dorchester District: changes in organization, District lines, etc.

Ordered, That the Dorchester District Committee be instructed to consider and report what changes are required in the organization of said district; and what action of this Board is required to establish district lines within said district, and to improve the organization of the several schools therein.

Mr. Cudworth offered the following: —

Girls' High and Normal School: microscopes.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish such microscopes as may be necessary for use in the Botany class of the Girls' High and Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition from female teachers for an increase of salaries.

Mr. Bowdlear submitted a petition from the female teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools, as follows: —

We, the undersigned, teachers of Boston, feeling that with many of us our salary is barely sufficient for our actual needs, leaving nothing for the emergency of sickness, and also that our work, as compared with that of the ushers, is not so much less as to warrant the disparity of the compensation, respectfully ask for an increase.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Fogg offered the following: —

Shurtleff District: Piano.

Ordered, That a piano be furnished for the use of the Clinch Primary School, in the Shurtleff School District.

Referred to the Committee on Music.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following: —

Ventilation. Maine's Ventilators.

Whereas, At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, holden previous to the first day of January, 1872, the important subject of better ventilation for our school-rooms was considered, and a special committee to consider the matter and to report thereon, raised; and whereas said committee attended to the duties assigned them, and reported that Maine's Portable Window Ventilator should, in their opinion, be provided for the schools, which report was accepted by said committee, and the subject-matter referred to the Committee on Accounts; and whereas the Committee on Accounts unanimously reported back to the School Committee that the ventilators should be provided for the schools; and whereas the School Committee, upon the report of the Committee on Accounts, passed the following order, to wit: —

"*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish such ventilation as may be needed in the school-rooms by the use of Maine's Patent Ventilators,"—which order was transmitted to the Council on the eleventh day of January, 1872, and by the said Council referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, on the said eleventh day of January, 1872; and whereas, by the tenth section of the joint rules of the Council, it is provided that it shall be the duty of every joint committee to whom any subject may be especially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or to ask for further time; and whereas nearly three months' time has elapsed, and no report has yet been made, of which this committee has been advised; therefore,

Ordered, That the City Council be again respectfully requested to furnish such ventilation as may be needed

in the various school-rooms, by the use of Maine's Patent Ventilators.

A motion by Dr. Waldock to lay the order upon the table, was lost. Without taking further action upon the order the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 14, 1872.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Conboye, Dunning, Fennelly, Flint, Fogg, Garceau, Jarvis, Lloyd, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Read, of Ward 10, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Underwood, and Whelton. Absent.

The convention, held April 9th, — for filling the vacancy caused by the death of John F. Flynn, — having adjourned to this evening at half past seven o'clock, said convention was again held; and, the matter before the meeting being under consideration, agreeably to the vote passed April 9th, the Chair appointed Alderman Sayward, and Messrs. Bowdlear, and Adams, of Ward 13, to collect the ballots; who attended to that duty, and reported the whole number of ballots to be 69; that Bernard A. Flynn had 24, and Robert White, Jr., 45. Fifty-five votes being necessary for an election, there was consequently no choice; and the convention proceeded to another ballot, with the following result: Whole number of votes, 71; Bernard A. Flynn had 20, Robert White, Jr., 51; and there was no choice. Proceeded to a third ballot, and the following was the result: Whole number of ballots, 75; Bernard A. Flynn had 17, Robert White, Jr., had 58; and Mr. White was accordingly declared elected. The business of the convention having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired. Convention. Robert White, Jr. elected.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Chapman School. — Harriet E. Morrill, an assistant.

Dearborn School District. — Mary E. McCarty, an assistant, and Abby L. Baker, a Primary teacher.

Eliot School. — Mary E. Hanney, an assistant.

Lawrence School District. — Abby C. Burge, an assistant, and Willietta Bicknell and Elizabeth S. Lakeman, Primary teachers.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Chapman School. — Mary A. Shaw, an assistant, commencing May 14th.

Dwight School. — Emily F. Carpenter, an assistant, commencing March 4th.

Norcross School. — Mary A. Neil, an assistant, commencing March 1.

Dorchester School District. — Mary C. Jacobs, an assistant, commencing April 19.

Vocal and Physical Culture.

The Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture nominated W. J. Parkerson as teacher of Elocution in the public schools from April 8th to July 8th, at a salary of one thousand dollars for the three months.

Latin and English High Schools, one school-house.

Mr. Washburn, from the joint committee on the Latin and English High Schools, agreeably to an order passed at the last meeting, instructing the committee to consider and report upon the expediency of continuing those schools hereafter in the joint occupancy of one school-building, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase for a site for the Latin and English High Schools the lot of land bounded by Dartmouth, Montgomery, and Clarendon streets and Warren avenue, with the exception of that part of the lot occupied by the church on Clarendon street.

The order passed.

Dr. Hall read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order (March 12th) proposing that a head-assistant be allowed several of the Grammar schools in the Dorchester District, recommending the passage of the order.

Dorchester District: Head-Assistants.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Dr. Johnson read the reports of the Committee on School Houses upon matters which had been referred to the Committee:

1. Upon the order to request the City Council to furnish better accommodations for certain Primary Schools in the Chapman School District.

Reports of Committee on School-Houses: Accommodations for Primary Schools in Chapman District.

The committee recommended the purchase of land and the erection of a building for the accommodation of the schools named in the order.

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

2. Upon the order (Feb. 13th) to request the City Council to make alterations in the Roxbury High School-house, recommending the passage of the order.

Roxbury High School-house; Alterations.

The report was accepted and the order was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Curtis, it was voted that the Committee on Evening Schools have leave to report in print.

Evening Schools.

Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, reported upon the order referred to that committee at the last meeting; that the committee were unanimously of the opinion that the exhibition of Drawing should take place, the expense thereof not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars; but they declined to offer the order necessary to carry this into effect, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted.

Reports of Committee on Accounts; Appropriation for Annual Exhibition of Drawing.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported

Microscopes for Girls' High and Normal School.

upon the order to authorize the committee to furnish microscopes for the Girls' High and Normal School, recommending the passage of the order.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Stationery, slates, etc. for pupils.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported upon the order (Feb. 13th) instructing the committee to consider the expediency of furnishing stationery, slates, etc., etc., for school use, to all pupils of the public schools.

The committee reported that for some years past a very large portion of the stationery, slates, and writing and drawing books used have to a great extent been furnished by the city, for indigent children, and for the use of the teachers. To furnish all the articles which are required by the scholars would require about twenty-eight hundred dollars additional.

The committee believe it for the interest of the city that this be done; and unanimously recommend that the material specified in the order be furnished.

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print the expenditures of the department of Public Schools for the financial year 1871–72.

Dorchester District; changes in Organization, District lines, etc. Report of Committee.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, read the report of the Committee on the Dorchester School District, — agreeably to an order passed April 9th, — upon the changes required in the organization of the said district, etc., submitting therewith the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the present Dorchester School District be subdivided into as many Grammar school sections as there are Grammar schools within the present territory, viz., seven; each of which shall be called by

the name of the Grammar school within its limits, as follows: The Dorchester-Everett District, the Gibson District, the Harris District, the Mather District, the Minot District, the Stoughton District, and the Tileston District. The Atherton School shall be included in the Gibson District, and the Stoughton Intermediate in the Minot District. The boundaries of the several Grammar school sections named in this order are hereby established in conformity with the plan and descriptive boundaries herewith submitted.

2. *Ordered*, That the President of the Board be requested to appoint a committee to each of the districts named in Order No. 1, who shall organize in conformity with the rules of the Board, and discharge all the duties of district committees required by the Rules and Regulations.

3. *Ordered*, That the office of Master be established in each of the districts named in Order No. 1, and that, before the commencement of the next school year, a master shall be elected for each of these districts in the manner provided by the rules of the Board, who shall have the charge of all the Grammar and Primary schools of his district, as provided by the Rules and Regulations.

4. *Ordered*, That the preceding orders take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

Voted, upon motion of Dr. Hall, to lay the report upon the table, and that it be printed.

Plan for organization of the Normal School.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, Chairman of the Committee upon the subject of a distinct Normal School, submitted the following plan for the organization of said school, which the Board unanimously adopted.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

This school shall be known as the Boston Normal School, and its purpose shall be to furnish an oppor-

tunity for such young women as wish to become teachers to receive a thorough course of distinct professional instruction.

The teachers shall be a head master, who shall be a graduate of a college in good standing, and such assistants as may be found necessary.

Candidates for admission to this school must signify, in writing, their intention to teach. A diploma of graduation from either of the Boston High Schools shall be considered evidence of qualification for admission.

Candidates for admission, not graduates of the Boston High Schools, must pass a satisfactory examination in the ordinary High School studies, and must also present evidence of good moral character.

Candidates for admission to the Normal School must present themselves at the
on the first Monday of September next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The sessions of the school shall begin at 9 o'clock, and close at 2 o'clock.

The present committee on a distinct Normal School shall organize said school, and have its management till the organization of this Board in January next.

Accepted, and unanimously adopted.

Maine's Patent Ventilator.

Upon motion of Mr. Cudworth the Board took up the unfinished business of the previous meeting, viz., Maine's Patent Ventilator.

The Chair read the order; the question was taken thereon, and decided in the negative.

Upon motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, —

Chapman School: service of a teacher discontinued.

Resolved, That the services of Miss Adeline A. Spencer, an assistant in the Chapman School, who has been absent from her post for nearly a year, be discontinued after this date, and she is hereby discharged from the service of the city in that capacity.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, —

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the Annual Exhibition of Drawing, and that the same be held under the direction of Mr. Walter Smith, Normal Instructor in Drawing.

Annual Exhibition of Drawing: Appropriation.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the school building in Codman street, occupied by the Stoughton Intermediate School, to some suitable locality near its present site.

Dorchester District: Stoughton Intermed'te School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Upon motion of Mr. Connor, —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be, and they hereby are, requested to consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the masters of the Grammar schools, and report to this Board the views they entertain in reference to the same.

Salaries of Masters of Grammar Schools.

Mr. Connor offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to procure a suitable lot and erect thereon a building for a Primary school in the Lawrence District.

Lawrence District: Primary school.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Upon motion of Mr. Kneeland, —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of providing that, in the organization of the Primary schools, one teacher in each school shall have the title of head primary teacher, and receive the same salary as that paid to a head-assistant in the Grammar schools.

Head Primary teacher.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage: —

Ordered, That all examinations the present year for admission of pupils to the Latin and several High schools be held during the month of June.

Examinations for admission to the High Schools in June.

The rules were suspended and the order passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Cudworth, —

Retiring of teachers upon half pay.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the desirableness of retiring upon half pay any teacher who has served the city of Boston in any public school for the term of twenty-five years, and desires, or is compelled by circumstances, to take advantage of such a provision.

Dr. Ordway offered the following: —

Committee to investigate the matter of reports regarding William T. Brigham.

Whereas, Certain reports, derogatory to the character of William T. Brigham, Esq., a member of this Board, have been published in the public prints, and circulated by citizens in general; therefore, —

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate the matter, and report at a subsequent meeting of this Board in regard to the same.

Dr. Lothrop moved and the Board voted to go into secret session.

A lengthy discussion ensued, after which the order was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following as the Committee, viz.: Messrs. Ordway, Nichols, Rust, Prescott, and Allen, of Ward 14. Messrs. Rust and Prescott declined, and were both excused; and the Chair appointed in their stead, Dr. Jarvis, and Mr. Lothrop, of Ward 4.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Robert White, Jr., — elected in place of Mr. Flynn, deceased, — upon the following committees, viz.: on the Roxbury High School, and on the Eliot, Hancock, and Mayhew School Districts.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 11, 1872.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Conboye, Curtis, Hobbs, Jarvis, Richardson, Shattuck, Whelton, and White. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed, nominated, etc.

Boylston School District. — Martha L. Beckler, teacher of the school for special instruction.

Dorchester School District. — As head assistants, — services as such commencing April 1st; in the Dorchester-Everett School, Abby L. W. Everett; in the Gibson School, Emma L. Howe; in the Harris School, Ann Tolman; in the Mather School, Sarah W. Symmes; in the Minot School, Isabel F. P. Emery; in the Stoughton School, S. Louise Pope; Dwight School, Walter S. Parker, usher, and Emily F. Carpenter, an assistant.

Eliot School. — M. Ella Wilkins, an assistant.

Franklin School. — Laura B. White and Kate E. Blanchard, assistants.

Lewis School District. — Eloise B. Walcott, a Primary teacher. Sherwin School, — Martha A. Smith, as head assistant.

Norcross School, — Mary Agnes Neill, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Dorchester School District. — Annie E. Fisher, an assistant in the Minot School, commencing April 8.

wight School. — Margaret P. Kelley, as head assistant, commencing April 8.

Shurtleff School District. — Annie C. Carleton, a Primary teacher, commencing May 15.

Wells School . — Emily G. Shaw, commencing May 1.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: —

Dorchester School District. — Dora Puffer, an assistant in the Minot School, taking effect March 17.

Sherwin School District. — Emma A. Parker, to take effect at the close of the present school year.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

Dr. Lothrop submitted, and read the annual report of the Committee on Text-books.

German in High Schools.

1. Upon the petition of Leopold Morse and others, presented at the meeting of the Board, Feb. 13, asking the Board to introduce the German language in all the classes of the High Schools; recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, on the ground that provision is already made for instruction in German in the High Schools of the city.

Hooker's Child's Book of Nature.

2. In regard to Hooker's "Child'-Book of Nature," letters have been received from the Masters, stating that the book had been very useful and interesting, and its introduction was considered an improvement and a success.

Leigh's Phonetic Alphabet.

3. In regard to Dr. Leigh's Phonetic Alphabet, that representations have been made from districts where it has been used, that it is a great help to correctness and rapidity in learning to read; and the committee recommend to the several district committees to use the discretionary power given them, and see that Hooker's Book

and Leigh's Alphabet are introduced into the schools under their charge.

The committee also reported upon various applications made to them for the introduction of new text-books.

The committee offer the following order: —

Ordered, That "Anderson's Historical Reader" be a permitted book in the place of "Hillard's First-Class Reader," it in any school where the district committee deem expedient to adopt it.

Anderson's Historical Reader.

The report was accepted, and the order was adopted.

Dr. Packard, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted and read the following reports: —

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

1. Upon the order (Sept. 5, 1871) to provide that the salary of Harriet E. Caryl, head assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School, be at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars per annum.

Girls' High and Normal School: Miss Caryl's Salary.

The committee recommended that the order be amended so as to read, instead of Two Thousand Dollars per annum, Eighteen Hundred Dollars per annum for the ensuing school year.

The question was taken upon the order as recommended by the committee, and was adopted.

2. Upon the petition of the female teachers of the Grammar and Primary Schools (April 9), asking for an increase of their salaries.

Salaries of Female Teachers.

The committee recommended that the schedule of salaries of the teachers, as found on page 24 of the Rules and Regulations, be made to read as follows: — Masters' head assistants, $950; head assistants, $850; assistants, first year, $500; second year, $600; third year, $700; fourth year and subsequently, $800 per annum. Primary teachers, — First year, $500; second year, $600; third year, $700; fourth year and subsequently, $800 per annum, provided that the salary of any teacher in service

at the close of the school year 1872 shall not be reduced below the amount then paid. "In the appointment for the first time of assistants in the Grammar Schools and the Primary teachers, an experience of one, two, or three years, including ordinary vacations, in any public annual school or schools, shall be considered equivalent to the same period of service in the Boston schools; the district committee shall determine the amount of salary to which said newly-appointed teacher is entitled under this rule, and this amount shall be stated in writing when the nomination is made to the Board."

On motion of Mr. Hunt, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the report.

Salaries of Masters of Grammar Schools.

3. Upon the order (May 14) requesting the Committee on Salaries to consider and report as to the expediency of increasing the salaries of the masters of the Grammar Schools.

The committee recommended that the schedule of salaries be so amended that the masters of the Grammar Schools shall receive subsequent to the first year a salary of $3,200.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the report.

English High School: Absence of J. P. Brown.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, read the report of the Committee on Salaries upon the order (April 9) proposing that Mr. J. P. Brown, a sub-master in the English High School, have leave of absence till the second Monday in September, and that a substitute be provided without expense to him. The committee reported that the health of Mr. Brown was impaired in the performance of extra duties, assumed at the request of the chairman of his committee, in the introduction of instruction in Music into the English High School; and they recommended, upon this ground, that the order ought to pass. Mr. Underwood offered the following order: *Ordered*, That

there be paid to John P. Brown, a sub-master in the English High School, the sum of five hundred dollars for his services as a teacher of music in said school, before the same was brought under the control of the Committee on Music.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, the subject was laid upon the table.

Dr. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on School-houses, submitted reports upon matters which had been referred to that committee, as follows: — Reports of Committee on School-houses.

1. Upon the order (May 14) relative to the removal of the Stoughton Intermediate School-house, in the Dorchester District, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the school building in Codman Street, occupied by the Stoughton Intermediate School, to some suitable locality near its present site; and that a lot of land be purchased for the purpose. Passed. Dorchester District: Stoughton Intermed'te School.

2. Upon the order (Nov. 14) to request the City Council to erect a new school-house for the Mather School in the Dorchester District, recommending the passage of the order amended to provide that the building be erected upon some portion of the lot of land occupied by the present building. The question was taken upon the order so amended, and the order was adopted. Dorchester District: Mather School-house.

3. Upon the order (May 14th) requesting the City Council to erect a building for a Primary School in the Lawrence School District, recommending the passage of the order. The said order was adopted. Lawrence District: New Prim. School-house.

Dr. Upham nominated for confirmation the teachers of Music, as follows: for the High Schools, Julius Eichberg; for the upper classes in the Grammar Schools, Mr. J. B. Sharland; for the lower classes in the Grammar Schools, Teachers of Music chosen.

Mr. H. E. Holt; for the Primary Schools, Mr L. W. Mason; as assistant teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools in the Dorchester District, Mr. Hiram Wilde.

All of said nominations were confirmed.

Military Drill: Instructor chosen.

Mr. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, nominated Colonel Hobart Moore as instructor in Military Drill.

The nomination was confirmed.

Teachers of Drawing chosen.

Mr. Brigham, Chairman of the Committee on Drawing nominated as instructors in Drawing for the ensuing year, Charles A. Barry, Henry Hitchings, Benjamin F. Nutting, Mercy A. Bailey, Edward K. Clark, and as general supervisor of Drawing, Walter Smith, their salaries where not established by the Rules of the Board, to be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

"National Music Course for Graded Schools": Int. Music Reader.

Upon motion of Dr. Upham: —

Ordered, That the second in the series of the "National Music Course for Graded Schools" — viz., the "Intermediate Music Reader" — be adopted, and the books placed in the schools at the commencement of the next school year.

Com. on Drawing to Report in Print.

On motion of Mr Brigham: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to present their report in print, and also a programme of instruction in that department, for the consideration of the Board.

School for Deaf Mutes: Committee to Report in Print.

Voted, on motion of Dr. Bigelow, Chairman of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, that said committee have leave to report in print.

Com. of Investigation as to reports regarding William T. Brigham.

Dr. Ordway, chairman of the committee to investigate as to the reports regarding William T. Brigham, — appointed at the last meeting of the Board, — asked and was granted further time.

Normal School: Regulations Amended.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, Chairman of the Committee on the Normal School, submitted the following alterations in Chapter 16 of the Rules and Regulations, viz.: — in Section 1, to strike out the words "and Normal" in the first line, and also the words "and to qualify as teachers those who desire to become such," in the fifth and sixth lines; to strike out all of Section 7; also in the course of study, as found on page 86, after the words "review of the preparatory studies," to strike out the words "with special reference to methods of study" also, on page 87, in course of study for the senior class, after the word "penmanship," strike out the words "with special reference to teaching;" also the words "instruction in theory and practice of teaching;" also to strike out the last paragraph, viz., "such instruction in Music shall be given to all the pupils as may qualify them to teach Vocal Music in the public schools." The committee also recommended that the salary of the head master of the Boston Normal School be the same as the salary of the masters of the Latin and High Schools.

Mr. Lothrop also submitted the recommendation of the same committee, that the Board elect a head master of said school at this meeting, and presented for that purpose the names of Daniel B. Hagar, of Salem, and J. W. Dickinson, of Westfield.

Principal of Normal School: petition.

Thereupon, Mr. Washburn presented a communication addressed to the School Committee, signed by William Endicott, Jr., and sixty-six others, remonstrating against the appointment of "a man, a graduate from college," as principal of the Girls' Normal School; and asking the Board to appoint to the position "that person who is best fitted, by education, character and experience, for the situation."

Mr. Washburn also submitted a petition signed by James

Freeman Clarke and others—in all seventy-five persons—asking the Board in selecting a principal for the Girls' Normal School to take the person best fitted for the place, whether man or woman, college graduate, or otherwise, etc.

Mr. Monroe moved, and it was voted, to lay the petitions upon the table.

The question being upon the report submitted by Mr. Lothrop, said report was accepted.

Quarterly Reports.

The next business being the reception of the quarterly reports, Mr. Monroe moved that these reports be read by their titles. This motion was amended, so as to provide that, excepting the reports on the High Schools, the reports be read by their titles, unless the chairman, or some member, desire that the report, or some portion of it, be read. The motion as amended was adopted, and the several quarterly reports were then presented, and were finally accepted, with the exception of the report of the Committee on the Latin School.

High-School Battalion.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report with whom rests authority to order out any or all the High School Battalions to do escort duty when their service in this way is requested by any committee of the City Council, or of any public body, and also what are the independent or joint rights and powers of the Mayor as President of the School Board, and of the Committees of the several High Schools, and of the Committee on Military Drill in this matter; and also whether any legislation upon this subject on the part of this Board is necessary.

Passed.

Mr. Cudworth offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That Misses Margaret A. Badger, Emma A. Temple, Katharine Knapp, and Mary C. Scates, be appointed head assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, with salaries not to exceed Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum.

Girls' High and Normal School: head-assistants and their salaries.

2. *Ordered*, That the school now known as the Girls' High and Normal School, be hereafter known as the Girls' High School.

Girls' High School.

3. *Ordered*, That the committee on this school be authorized to establish a supplementary fourth year to the present course of study.

Fourth year of study.

Orders 1 and 2 passed. Order No. 3 was, on motion of Mr. Merrill, referred to the two committees, jointly, on the Girls' High School and the Normal School.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following:—

Ordered, That, from the commencement of the school year in September next, the head master of the Dorchester High School be paid the maximum salary of a head master.

Dorchester High School: salary of head master.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the City Council be earnestly requested to furnish further accommodations for scholars in the Primary Schools in Heath Street, Comins School District.

Comins District; accommodations for Primary Schools.

Mr. Waterston offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of granting additional compensation to a superintending teacher of the first class in Primary Schools of double grade.

Superintending teacher in Primary Schools: Additional compensation.

Passed.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Ordered, That this Board disapprove the proposition to abolish the special instruction in mathematics in the Latin School.

Latin School: special instruction in mathematics.

On motion of Mr. Swan, the subject was referred to the Committee on the Latin School.

Adjournment.

Upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to two weeks from to-night.

Petition of H. A. Chamberlin and others in Roxbury High School.

The Chair read a petition signed by Henry A. Chamberlain and three others, scholars of the Roxbury High School, representing that the specimens of drawing contributed by them to the recent exhibition of drawings in Horticultural Hall, and belonging to them, were retained by the committee, and asking that the same may be returned to them.

The petition was referred to the committee on Drawing.

World's Peace Jubilee: petition of L. B. Barnes

The Chair read a communication from Loring B. Barnes, President of the Handel and Hayden Society, asking the permission of the Board for ladies who are members of that society, and teachers in the public schools, to participate in the performances of the approaching World's Peace Jubilee, without cost to them for substitutes.

One session of schools.

Numerous motions were offered and rejected, whereupon Mr. Flint offered the following order, which received an indefinite postponement:

Ordered, That during the Peace Jubilee, the schools be allowed to hold one session daily, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

Upon motion of Mr. Stedman: —

High School Battalion; authority for parade on seventh inst., etc.

Ordered, That the committees on the English High and Latin Schools constitute a joint committee to report to this Board by whose authority the High and Latin School Battalion was ordered to parade on Friday, the 7th inst., and also to report if any intoxicating liquors were furnished said battalion, and if so, by whose order.

On motion of Mr. Sanford: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High School be instructed to report in print to this Board at its next meeting, in detail, the course of studies and instruction now adopted in that school, and the text-books used therein, and the time devoted to each study.

Girls' High School; course of study etc; and text-books.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe, the Board voted to proceed to the election of teachers in the public schools for the ensuing year.

Election of teachers.

Voted on motion of Dr. Johnson, to go into secret session; and upon motion of Mr. Foster, to ballot for the head masters of the High Schools, and masters of the Grammar Schools upon one ballot

The Chair appointed Messrs. Monroe, Dunning, and Connor a committee to collect the ballots.

The several High School and District Committees, being called upon, nominated candidates for the several positions to be filled. The Board was then proceeding to ballot, when, upon motion, it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby it was decided to go into an election.

Reconsideration.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 25, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President of the Board, ex-Mayor Shurtleff was chosen President *pro tempore*.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Frost, Garceau, Jarvis, Maguire, Monroe, Nichols, Toland, Waterston, Whelton, White, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Board, in secret session, proceeded, on motion of Dr. Hall, to choose a Superintendent of the Public Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Rust, Foster and Noble a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded and reported that the whole number of ballots was 70; necessary for a choice 36; that John D. Philbrick had 54; D. B. Hagar 7; and there were nine scattering. Mr. Philbrick was accordingly declared elected. Election of Superintendent of Schools.

Upon motion of Dr. Packard, the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools was fixed at the same amount for the next year as for the present, viz., $4,500. Salary of Supt. of Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Bowdlear, amended by Mr. Means, the Board voted to proceed to the election of head-masters of the High Schools, excepting the Normal, and masters of the several Grammar Schools. Election of head-masters of the High, and masters of the Grammar schools

The Chair appointed the former committee to collect the ballots.

The several committees having nominated, at the last meeting, the candidates for the positions to be filled, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes reported the result as follows: The whole number of ballots was 78: necessary for a choice, by the rules, 50. For head-master of the Latin School, Francis Gardner had 58 votes: of the English High School, Charles M. Cumston had 58 votes: of the Girls' High School, Ephraim Hunt had 39 votes: of the Roxbury High School, Samuel M. Weston had 77 votes: of the Dorchester High School, Elbridge Smith had 78 votes: for master of the Adams School, Robert C. Metcalf had 78 votes: of the Bigelow School, Thomas H. Barnes had 78 votes: of the Bowditch School, Alfred Hewins had 78 votes: of the Bowdoin School, Daniel C. Brown had 78 votes: of the Boylston School, John Jameson had 72 votes: of the Brimmer School, Joshua Bates had 78 votes: of the Chapman School, George R. Marble had 76 votes: of the Comins School, Daniel W. Jones had 77 votes: of the Dearborn School, William H. Long had 75 votes: for Principal of the Dudley School, Sarah J. Baker had 77 votes: for master of the Dwight School, James A. Page had 78 votes: of the Eliot School, Samuel W. Mason had 78 votes: of the Everett School, George B. Hyde had 77 votes: of the Franklin School, Granville B. Putnam had 77 votes: of the Hancock School, James W. Webster had 77 votes: of the Lawrence School, Larkin Dunton had 76 votes: of the Lewis School, William L. P. Boardman had 75 votes: of the Lincoln School, C. Goodwin Clark had 78 votes: of the Lyman School, Hosea H. Lincoln had 77 votes: of the Mayhew School, Samuel Swan had 78 votes: of the Norcross School, Josiah A. Stearns had 78 votes: of the Phillips School, James Hovey had 75 votes: of the Prescott School, James F. Blackinton had 78 votes: of the Quincy School, E. Frank Wood had 76 votes: of the Rice School, Lucius A.

Wheelock had 76 votes: of the Sherwin School, Silas C. Stone had 78 votes: of the Shurtleff School, Henry C. Hardon had 77 votes: of the Washington School, Leverett M. Chase had 77 votes: of the Wells School, Rodney G. Chase had 75 votes: of the Winthrop School, Robert Swan had 78 votes.

In addition to the foregoing the following ballots were cast: For head-master of the Latin School, Henry S. Washburn had 1 vote, Daniel C. Brown, 1, W. C. Collar, 3, Horace Greeley, 1, James W. Waldock, 1.

For head-master of the English High School, Robert E. Babson had 1 vote, Luther W. Anderson, 3, Caleb Emery, 1, George H. Monroe, 1.

For head-master of the Girls' High School, Larkin Dunton had 6 votes, Samuel Eliot had 8, J. W. Waldock had 1, D. B. Hagar, 2, James W. Dickinson, 1, Dr. Reynolds, 1.

Election of head-master of the Girls' High School

No choice having been made of a head-master of the Girls' High School, it was voted to proceed again to ballot for the choice of a head-master of that school.

The Chair appointed the same committee as before to collect the ballots, who attended to that duty and reported that the whole number of ballots was 73; necessary for a choice, by the rules, 50, that Ephraim Hunt had 33; Larkin Dunton, 15; Samuel Eliot, 9; Daniel B. Hagar, 7; scattering, 9.

No choice having been effected the Board proceeded to a third ballot. The same committee served to collect the ballots, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 75; that Samuel Eliot had 20, Larkin Dunton, 19, Ephraim Hunt, 16, D. B. Hagar, 7, and there were scattering, 20.

No person having the required number of ballots, there was again no choice. Thereupon Dr. Lothrop named for

the position Samuel Eliot, and advocated his election, and moved that the Board proceed to another ballot. The motion passed. The same committee were appointed to collect the ballots; and they reported that the whole number of ballots was 73; that Samuel Eliot had 46, Larkin Dunton, 11, Ephraim Hunt, 10, and there were scattering, 6; whereby it appeared that there was no choice. Voted, upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, to proceed to another ballot.

Samuel Eliot elected.

The Board then proceeded to a fifth ballot, which resulted as follows: The whole number of ballots was 76. Samuel Eliot had 53, Larkin Dunton, 10, Ephraim Hunt, 8; and there were scattering, 5. Samuel Eliot was declared elected.

Names of masters, etc., elected to be published.

Upon motion of Dr. Lothrop the messenger of the Board was directed to publish in the morning papers the names of the masters and head-masters elected this evening.

School for Special Instruction in Rice District.

Dr. Ordway moved that the school for Special Instruction, recently established by the Rice, Franklin and Boylston District Committees, be placed under the charge of the Committee on the Rice School District. Upon motion of Mr. Bowdlear the subject was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following order: —

Annual Exhibitions and close of the schools.

Ordered, That the annual exhibitions of the several High and Grammar schools of the city take place this year on the Tuesday and Wednesday previous to the Fourth of July, and that the schools close on Wednesday, the third of July.

The order passed by a majority vote. Subsequently, upon the suggestion of Mr. Learnard, the order was declared not to have been adopted, it not having received a *three-fourths* vote. Thereupon, Mr. Merrill of Ward 11

renewed the order, and Mr. Hutchins moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and, the question being upon the order, the order was adopted.

Voted, upon motion of Dr. Hall, that the School Festival be held on Wednesday, the 3d of July. School Festival.

Upon motion of Mr. Hunt: —

Ordered, That a committee consisting of five members be appointed by the Chair, to extend the greetings and cordial welcome of this Board to the National Educational Association, on the occasion of its approaching annual meeting, which is to be held in this city on the 6th, 7th and 8th of August next. National Educational Associati'n: Committee to welcome.

Agreeably to the above order, the Chair appointed the following as the committee, viz.: Messrs. Waterston, Hunt, Kneeland, Underwood, and Adams, of Ward 16.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, chairman of the committee on the Normal School, presented the names of Larkin Dunton and John W. Dickinson, as persons in their opinion qualified for the office of head-master of said school. The committee having at the last meeting presented the name of D. B. Hagar as a candidate for the position named, Mr. Kneeland announced to the Board the declination of Mr. Hagar to be a candidate. The Board voted, on motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, to proceed to ballot for the choice ot a head-master of the Normal School. Normal School.

Mr. Bowdlear advocated the election of a woman for the position, and nominated therefor Miss Annie E. Johnson, of the Framingham Normal School. Normal School: ballot for head-master.

The Board then balloted. The whole number of ballots was 67. Larkin Dunton had 35, Annie E. Johnson, 12, John W. Dickinson, 9, and there were scattering 11; and there was no choice.

The meeting then adjourned to Tuesday evening next, on motion of Mr. Underwood.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 2, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 2d day of July, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Bachelder, Baldwin, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Garceau, Maguire, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Perkins, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Shattuck, Underwood, Upham, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Mr. Monroe called attention to the fact that the printed minutes of the last meeting omitted the statement of the number of ballots cast for candidates for head masters of the High and masters of the Grammar Schools, and moved that the Secretary amend the records so as to include said statement, and the motion passed. Minutes amended.

The business before the Board being the election of instructors, the Board proceeded to choose a head master for the Normal School. Normal School; head master chosen.

Mr. Prescott nominated for the position Mr. Luther W. Anderson, a master in the English High School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Rust, Foster and Noble, a committee to collect the ballots, who proceeded and reported that the whole number of ballots was 67; necessary for a choice, by the Rules, 50. Larkin Dunton had 43; John W. Dickinson had 8; L. W. Anderson had 8; Miss Annie E. Johnson had 7; scattering, 1; whereby it appeared that there was no choice.

The Board then had a second ballot with the following result: The whole number of ballots was 71; Lar- Larkin Dunton elected.

kin Dunton had 59; L. W. Anderson, 6; John W. Dickinson, 3, and there were scattering 3. Mr. Dunton was declared elected.

The Board then, upon the nomination of the several committees, elected the subordinate teachers in the High and Grammar Schools, the teachers of the Primary Schools, and the School for Deaf Mutes, — excepting, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 11, the teachers of the Training School; and, on motion of Mr. Adams of Ward 16, principals of the Grammar Schools in the Dorchester District, until action be taken on the report on changes in the organization of the Dorchester District.

Casts and models for High Schools.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order: —

Ordered, That six hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of casts and models for the High Schools, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing.

Reports of Com. on Salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Upon motion of Dr. Packard, the Board took from the table the reports of the Committee on Salaries, made June 11, and ordered to be printed: 1. Upon the petition of the female teachers of the Grammar and Primary Schools (April 9) for an increase of salary. 2. Upon the order (May 14) requesting the Committee on Salaries to consider the subject of increasing the salaries of the masters of the Grammar Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford, the report upon the salaries of the female teachers was amended by substituting $600 in place of $500, for the first year's service for assistants and Primary teachers, and by substituting $800 in place of $600, for the second and subsequent years' service.

Reports recommitted.

The question then being upon the report as amended, Mr. Monroe moved and it was voted to recommit the report.

Mr. Bowdlear then moved and it was voted to recom-

mit the report upon the salaries of the masters of the Grammar Schools.

Upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday evening next.

Report of Committee of investigation as to reports regarding William T. Brigham.

Dr. Ordway arose to present the report of the Committee of Investigation as to the reports regarding Mr. William T. Brigham.

Upon motion of Mr. McDonough, the Board went into secret session.

Upon motion of Dr. Waldock: —

Publication of the doings of the Board in Secret Session.

Resolved, That the publication of the doings of this Board in secret session by any member thereof, unless specially authorized, is a breach of trust and a violation of official duty.

Dr. Ordway then presented and read his report.

Report.

The committee report that they have carefully investigated the matter and heard the statements of a number of persons, including some of the teachers and pupils of one of our public schools, also Mr. Brigham's own statement. "Without going into detail of the statements from which we deduct our conclusions, we can but feel that the continued service of Mr. Brigham as a member of the School Committee of Boston would have a tendency to lessen the confidence of the parents of the boys in our public schools, as well as to superinduce in the minds of the boys themselves a morbid curiosity which would be of no real service in the cause of education, but which might be positively injurious to some of a peculiar temperament. We therefore respectfully submit the report with the accompanying order": —

Order.

Ordered, That the dignity and interests of this Board will be better subserved by the resignation of Mr. William T. Brigham as one of its members.

In addition to the report, Dr. Ordway submitted and read many letters and communications from individuals concerning the subject of the report.

After a lengthy discussion, it was, upon motion of Mr. Kneeland: —

Time assigned for further consideration of report.

Ordered, That the further consideration of this report be postponed till 9 o'clock P. M., July 9; that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. William T. Brigham of the nature of the report and the action proposed, and also notify him that the Board will then hear him in his own defence.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 9th, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Dunning, Fogg, Foster, Garceau, Hunt, Hutchins, Lothrop, of Ward 4, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Maguire, Mason, James Morse, Read, of Ward 10, Shattuck, Upham, Waterston, Whelton, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Dr. Bigelow, Chairman of the Committee on the school for Deaf Mutes, nominated Ella C. Jordan as an assistant in that school on probation. School for Deaf Mutes.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, nominated Mr. Amos M. Leonard for master of the Lawrence School, in place of Mr. Larkin Dunton, elected master of the Normal School. Lawrence School: mastership.

Mr. Adams also moved, and it was voted to suspend the rules, to go into an election of master of the Lawrence School. Rules suspended.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, and Packard to collect the ballots, who attended to their duty, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 52; necessary for a choice, by the rules, 50. The following persons had 1 vote each: viz., Walter H. Newhall, Walter H. Newell, J. B. Sharland, J. M. Kimball, Charles W. Hill, William P. Adams, H. M. Smith, Mr. Newell; and there were three blanks. Mr. A. M. Leonard had 41; whereby it appeared that no person was chosen.

Upon motion of Mr. Monroe it was voted to lay the subject upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Washburn: —

Mr. James Robinson appointed.

Ordered, That Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher, for the school year beginning in September next, to perform such service and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping as he may be called upon to perform by the Superintendent, or the chairman of any of our district committees, his salary to be the same as for the past year.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Latin School: salary of Mr. Chadwick.

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars be paid Joseph W. Chadwick, a master in the Latin School, the same being required to make his salary equal to the other promoted masters in said school, from Sept. 1st, 1871, to Sept. 1st, 1872. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Sanford offered the following: —

Girls' High School: course of study.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High School, conferring with the master of that school, consider and report what changes, if any, should be made in the course of study of the school; having in view a more extended course of instruction and study in Ethics, Languages, Literature, Music and Art. Referred to the Committee on the Girls' High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

English High and Dorchester High Schools: salaries of certain teachers.

Ordered, That action be deferred upon the salaries of the teacher of French in the English High School, and the teachers of French and German in the Dorchester High School, until their classes be organized for the ensuing year.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following order: —

Salaries of head-masters and

Ordered, That the compensation of the head-masters and masters of the High Schools be increased in the same

ratio as the salaries of the masters of the Grammar Schools, as recommended by the Committee on Salaries. masters of High Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Upon motion of Mr. Cudworth : —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High School be authorized to arrange a course of study for a fourth year, and report to this Board. Girls' High School; fourth year.

Upon motion of Mr. Kneeland : —

Voted, That the Normal School commence on the 30th of September, and that the examination of candidates for admission take place on the Thursday and Friday preceding. Normal School: examination for admission, etc.

Dr. Bigelow offered the following order : —

Ordered, That the salary of the principal of the school for deaf mutes be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars, and the salary of each of the two assistants at nine hundred dollars, per annum for the next school year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries. The Committee on Salaries subsequently reported in favor of the passage of the order, and the order was then adopted. School for Deaf Mutes: salaries of teachers.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the two following orders : —

1. *Ordered*, That the City pay the keeping of a horse for Mr. Hiram Wilde, while he performs the work assigned him by the Board, except during the summer vacations. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Keeping of a horse.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Government be requested to purchase more land in the rear of the Minot School estate in the Dorchester District, for the use of said school. Referred to the Committee on School-houses. Minot School: land to be purchased.

Dr. Packard submitted reports from the Committee on Salaries, as follows : —

1. Upon the salaries of the female teachers of the Reports of

Committee on Salaries: salaries of head-assistants, assistants, and Primary teachers.

Grammar and Primary schools, which subject was recommitted to them at the last meeting.

The committee offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the head-assistants and assistants in the Grammar Schools, and of the teachers in the Primary Schools, for the year commencing Sept. 1st, be established as follows: —

Of master's head-assistants, $950; of head-assistants $850; of assistants, first year, $600; second year, $700; third and subsequent years $800 per annum; of Primary teachers, first year, $600; second year, $700; third and subsequent years, $800 per annum.

It was voted to take the question upon each of the several items of the order separately. The salaries of the master's head-assistants, the head-assistants, and the assistants, for the first year and second year respectively, were adopted. Upon the salary proposed for the third and subsequent years it was voted, on motion of Mr. Bowdlear, to take the yeas and nays; and, the question being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Allen, of Ward 1, Bachelder, Badger, Bigelow, Brown, Cudworth, Cushing, Dillaway, Edson, Emery, Flint, Fraser, Kneeland, Leonard, Lloyd, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Nichols, Noble, Ordway, Packard, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Reed, of Ward 6, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Shurtleff, Slade, Stedman, Swan, Thayer, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Washburn, White, Willard and Woods, — 46; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: Messrs. Bowdlear, Cruft, Deblois, Fallon, Hobbs, Hosea, Johnson,

Yeas and Nays.

Learnard, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Ricker, Rust, Waldock, and Wentworth, — 19. So the salary proposed for the third and subsequent years was adopted.

The question was taken upon the proposed salaries of the Primary teachers, for the first, second, and third and subsequent years, and they were severally adopted.

The question then being upon the order of the Committee, the order was adopted.

2. Upon the salaries of masters of the Grammar Schools, which subject was likewise recommitted to them at the last meeting.

Salaries of masters of Grammar Schools.

The committee offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of the masters of the Grammar Schools for the school year commencing September 1, 1872, be established as follows, to wit: —

For the first year, $2,600; for the second and subsequent years, $3,200 per annum.

Mr. Bowdlear moved to amend the order by striking out $3,200 and inserting $3,000 instead; and, upon this motion, moved, and the Board voted, to take the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were taken, when the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: —

Yeas and Nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, of Ward 1, Bachelder, Bigelow, Bowdlear, Cruft, Deblois, Fallon, Hall, Hobbs, Hosea, Johnson, Lloyd, H. G. Morse, Noble, Palmer, Porter, of Ward 2, Prescott, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Rust, Seaverns, Slade, Waldock, Wentworth, White, and Woods, — 27. The following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: — Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Brown, Cudworth, Cushing, Dillaway, Edson, Emery, Flint, Jarvis, Kneeland, Learnard, McDonough, McKendry,

Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, Nichols, Ordway, Packard, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Rankin, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Shurtleff, Stedman, Swan, Thayer, Thornton, Tucker, Washburn and Willard, — 39. So the amendment did not prevail.

The question was then taken upon the order proposed by the Committee on Salaries, and the order passed.

3. Upon the order referred to the committee June 11, to wit, —

Salary of head-master of Dorchester High School.

That, from the commencement of the school-year in September next, the head-master in the Dorchester High School be paid the maximum salary of a head-master.

The committee reported that the order ought to pass.

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Salary of Supervisor of Drawing.

4. Upon the subject of the salaries of the teachers of Drawing not already fixed by the Rules of the Board.

The committee reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Walter Smith, general Supervisor of Drawing, be $3,300 for the school-year commencing September 1, 1872.

The question being taken upon the order, the order passed.

Dr. Packard offered the following: —

Salaries of all instructors, etc.

Ordered, That, for the school year commencing Sept. 1, 1872, the salaries of all instructors not otherwise ordered be the same as for the present year.

Salary of principal of Dudley School.

Mr. Kneeland moved to amend the order by adding the following: — except the salary of the principal of the Dudley School, which shall be $2,400. The amendment passed.

Roxbury High School:

Mr. Merrill of Ward 14 moved to amend the order so as to provide that the salary of the master's head-as-

sistant in the Roxbury High School shall be $1,800. Mr. Underwood moved, and it was voted, to refer the order and the amendment to the Committee on Salaries.

salary of master's head-assistant.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, the Board took up the report of the committee on the subject of changes in the organization of the schools in the Dorchester District; read, — May 14th, and laid upon the table.

Dorchester District: changes in organization, district-lines, etc.

The question being upon the orders submitted by the committee, they were acted upon separately and were all adopted. (See the printed minutes, page 40.)

Orders passed.

Upon motion of Dr. Johnson: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses and School sections consider and report at the next meeting upon the expediency of abolishing the Boylston School-district and transferring the teachers thereof to districts in which vacancies may occur.

Boylston School District: abolishing of.

Upon motion of Dr. Johnson: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to take into consideration the recent action of the City Council in the matter of the purchase of a lot of land suit able for the erection of a new English High School-house; also for the purchase of a lot of land for the erection of a new Latin School building; and to report in print what further action in the premises is necessary on the part of this Board.

Land for English-High and Latin Schools.

The Board then took up the subject of the special assignment, having at various stages of the meeting temporarily postponed its consideration, viz., the report of the Committee of Investigation, as to reports concerning Mr. William T. Brigham. Mr. Brigham appeared, agreeably to the provision of the order passed July 2d. Pending the consideration, the question arose as to whether a quorum was present. The Chair directed that

Report of Committee of Investigation as to reports regarding William T. Brigham.

Roll called. the roll be called, when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were absent, viz. : —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Badger, Baldwin, Bowdlear, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Dunning, Emery, Fallon, Flint, Fogg, Foster, Fraser, Garceau, Hobbs, Hunt, Hutchins, Lothrop, of Ward 4, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, Packard, Palmer, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 16, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Rust, Seaverns, Shattuck, Stedman, Toland, Underwood, Upham, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council — 50. Therefore a quorum was not present. The meeting then dissolved.

No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, August 27, 1872.

By order of His Honor the Mayor, President of the School Committee, — at the request of Messrs. William W. Swan, Benjamin Cushing, William T. Adams, J. Coffin Jones Brown, J. H. McKendry, — a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 27th, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

At a quarter past eight o'clock, a quorum not having appeared, the Chair directed that the roll be called: and, the roll having been called, the following named gentlemen were recorded as being absent, to wit: — Messrs. Bachelder, Badger, Baldwin, Brigham, Clock, Conboye, Connor, Cruft, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Emery, Fallon, Fennelly, Fogg, Fraser, Hosea, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lloyd, Lothrop, of Ward 4, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Maguire, Mason, McDonough, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Palmer, Perkins, Peterson, Plummer, Rankin, Reed, of Ward 6, Ricker, Rust, Shattuck, Thayer, Toland, Upham, Washburn, Waterston, Wentworth, Whelton, White, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Roll called.

Absent.

A quorum not being present, the Board, on motion of Dr. Ordway, adjourned.

No quorum.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 10, 1872.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of September, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Brigham, Conboye, Curtis, Deblois, Fallon, Fennelly, Hunt, Lloyd, Lothrop, of Ward 4, Lothrop, of Ward 6, Monroe, Nichols, Ordway, Perkins, Rankin, Stedman, Underwood, Washburn, Whelton, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The President read the resignations, as members of the Board, of Henry C. Hunt, of Ward 8, and Loring Lothrop, of Ward 4, and the resignations were accepted. Resignations of Henry C. Hunt and Loring Lothrop.

Mr. Flint offered the following resolves: —

Resolved, That this Board receives with deep and heartfelt sorrow the announcement of the death of its honored member, Samuel G. Bowdlear. Death of Samuel Bowdlear. Resolves.

Resolved, That Mr. Bowdlear's long connection with this committee, and his faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him on account of this connection, had won for him our affectionate esteem, confidence and respect.

Resolved, That we bear cheerful testimony to the ability and sagacity, as well as to the rare fidelity, with which he discharged his official duties, and that we convey to the family and friends of our deceased associate the expression of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Flint and Mr. Waterston offered some appropriate remarks upon the character of Mr. Bowdlear, after which

the resolves were unanimously passed, — the members rising and standing in their places.

Report of Committee relative to reports regarding Wm. T. Brigham.

The Chair stated the unfinished business of the Board at the time of its adjournment, July 9th, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee of Investigation as to reports concerning William T. Brigham.

On motion of Mr. Sanford the matter was laid upon the table.

Lawrence School: mastership.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, the Board took up the matter of the mastership of the Lawrence School, and voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a master. The Chair appointed Messrs. W. P. Adams and Packard a committee to collect the ballots. The Board then balloted with the following result: —

Amos M. Leonard elected.

The whole number of ballots was 64; three parties had one vote each, and there was one blank. Amos N. Leonard had 60. Mr. Leonard was accordingly declared elected.

Teachers nominated, etc.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Dorchester High School. — Harriet B. Luther, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1.

Chapman School. — Lucy E. Woodwell, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1.

Comins School District. — Julia Scribner, as a head-assistant, and Lovell and Waldock as Primary teachers.

Phillips School. — Harriet T. Haven, as master's head-assistant, commencing Sept. 2.

Rice School District. — Emma L. Wyman, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1.

Sherwin School District. — Annie E. Wallcut, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Marietta

Rice and Helen O. Wyman, as assistants in the Washington School.

Kindergarten School. — Harriet J. Viaux, an assistant.

Normal School. — Jane H. Stickney, master's assistant; Florence W. Stetson and Bertha W. Hintz, assistants; Annie J. Stoddard, assistant in the Primary department. (Confirmed.)

The Board confirmed the transfer of the following teachers, viz.: Of Mary A. Shaw, from the Chapman School to the Primary School in Porter street; of Judith P. Meader, from the Primary School in Porter street to the Chapman School, as an assistant; of Elsie J. Parker, from the Dorchester-Everett School to the Rice School, — this transfer to take effect Sept. 1.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following orders: —

Normal School; accommodations for.

1. *Ordered*, That the rooms in the Appleton street Primary School-house, unoccupied for Primary School purposes, be used for the accommodation of the Normal School.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fix up said rooms for the accommodation of said school.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown the orders were laid upon the table.

Annual report: Committee to prepare.

The Chair appointed the following committee to prepare the annual report of the School Committee, viz.: Messrs. Means, Sanford, Hobbs, Learnard, Fennelly, Ricker, Connor and Noble.

Mr. Foster offered the following: —

Vacancies: conventions proposed.

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this Board, caused by the death of Samuel G. Bowdlear, of Ward 10, and the resignations of Henry C. Hunt, of Ward 8, and Loring Lothrop, of Ward 4; —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention for the purpose of

filling said vacancies, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. The order passed.

Committees to nominate candidates.

The Chair appointed the following committees to nominate candidates for filling vacancies in this Board, to wit: In the place of Loring Lothrop, resigned, Messrs. Hall, Shurtleff, Woodbury, Jarvis and Slade; in the place of Henry C. Hunt, resigned, Messrs. Foster, Shattuck, Reynolds, Prescott and Stedman; in place of Samuel G. Bowdlear, deceased, Messrs. Flint, Baldwin, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, and Learnard.

Casts and models for High schools; report of Committee on Acc'ts.

Mr. Merrill, Chairman of Committee on Accounts, read the report of that committee upon the order offered July 2, to provide for an appropriation for the purchase of casts and models for the High Schools. The committee recommended the passage of the order amended so as to read as follows: —

Ordered, That six hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of casts and models for the High Schools, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, and with the sanction of the Committee on Accounts.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Dr. Johnson submitted and read the reports of the Committee on School-houses, as follows: —

Reports of Committee on School-houses: school for special instruction.

1. On the order offered June 25th, proposing that the school for special instruction, established by the Rice, Franklin and Boylston District Committees, be placed under the charge of the Committee of the Rice School-district, recommending the said transfer.

Accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Land for English High and Latin Schools.

2. Upon the order that the Committee on School-houses consider the recent action of the City Council relative to a lot of land suitable for the erection of a new English High School-house, and of a new Latin School-

house. The committee reported that, in view of the subsequent action of the City Council, no farther action on the part of this Board is necessary. Accepted.

Report of Committee on Drawing. Plan for instruction in Drawing.

Mr. Brown submitted in print the report of the Committee on Drawing, together with a Plan of Instruction in Drawing for 1872–3.

The following orders accompanied the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the programme submitted by the Committee on Drawing be adopted in the public schools of this city from this date.

Evening Drawing School: salaries of teachers.

2. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the principals of the evening schools be ten dollars per night, and of the assistants five dollars per night, when actually employed by the committee.

Order No. 1 was adopted. Order No. 2 was, on motion of Mr. Learnard, referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Quarterly Reports.

The Board then proceeded to receive the Quarterly Reports.

Upon motion of Dr. Johnson, amended by Dr. Reynolds, it was voted to read the reports by their titles, except the reports on the High Schools. The reports were afterwards accepted.

Mr. Cudworth offered the following: —

Girls' High School: text-books.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be requested to consider the propriety of introducing "Eliot & Storer's Manual of Chemistry," in place of Steele's book; and Haven's Rhetoric, in place of Bain's Rhetoric; for use in the Girls' High School. Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following: —

Dorchester High School: salaries of teachers of French and German.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of French in the Dorchester High School be $700, and of the teacher of German, $600, for the school-year commencing September 1, 1872. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Normal School: salaries of assistants.

Mr. Kneeland, from the Committee on the Normal School, submitted the following recommendation, to wit: —

That the salaries paid to the master's assistant and the other assistants in the Normal School be the same as the salaries paid to teachers of corresponding positions in the Girls' High School. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, offered the following: —

Artillery election.

Ordered, That Section 38, Chap. IX., of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out the words "Artillery Election." Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Industrial School: petition of T. C. Amory.

Dr. Shurtleff presented a petition, signed by Thomas C. Amory and others, asking that pecuniary aid may be extended to the Industrial School, located at Nos. 516 and 518 Harrison avenue, and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, in conformity with the provision of Chapter 86 of the acts of the General Court for the year 1872, and with the petition of Thomas C. Amory and others, the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars, for carrying on an Industrial School at 516 and 518 Harrison avenue; the money to be expended under the direction of the Committee on Industrial Schools.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, amended by Mr. Brown, the matter was referred to the Committee on Industrial Schools, the committee to report in print.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following order: —

Latin School: text-books.

Ordered, That Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar and Leighton's Latin Lessons be adopted as text-books in the Latin School, in place of the corresponding books now in use. Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Brown offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the substitutes employed during the absence of Mary A. B. Gore, a Primary teacher who was injured by coal placed in the school-yard, be paid by this Board. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mary A. B. Gore: pay of substitutes.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide some suitable building in which to locate the Normal School established by vote of this Board.

Normal School: building for.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, submitted and read the report of the committee to examine candidates for the places of master in the Grammar Schools in the Dorchester District.

Dorchester District; Report of Committee on examination for masterships.

The Committee made the following nominations: — For master of the Harris School, first choice of the committee, Mr. Edwin T. Horne, the present principal; second choice, Mr. James M. Ham, of Augusta, Maine. For master of the Tileston School, first choice, Mr. Henry B. Miner, the present principal; second choice, Mr. Charles A. Horne, of Albany, N. Y. For master of the Mather School, first choice, Mr. Daniel B. Hubbard, present principal; second choice, Mr. Henry H. Kimball. For master of the Minot School, first choice, Mr. Joseph T. Ward, jr., the present principal; second choice, Mr. G. W. M. Hall, usher in the Mayhew school. For master of the Stoughton School, first choice, Mr. Edward Stickney, principal of the Carver School, Chelsea; second choice, Mr. Edward M. Lancaster, the present principal. For master of the Gibson School, first choice, Mr. Benjamin F. Morrison, principal of one of the public schools of Medford; second choice, Mr. James E. Parker. For master of the Dorchester-Everett School, first choice, Mr. Charles W. Hill, sub-master in the Sherwin School; second choice, Mr. Orlendo W. Dimick, sub-master in the Chapman School.

The report, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, was accepted.

Upon motion of Dr. Fogg, amended by Mr. Brown: —

Dorchester District: salaries of masters.

Ordered, That the salary of the masters placed at the head of the Dorchester Grammar Schools shall be the minimum salary of masters of Grammar Schools, as fixed by this Board; and shall so continue until otherwise ordered by vote of the Board.

Dorchester District: Committees on the Grammar School Districts.

The Chair, agreeably to Order No. 2, reported by the Committee on the subject of changes in the organization of the Dorchester District, appointed the following committees, to wit: on the Dorchester-Everett District, Messrs. Swan, Cushing, Sanford, Packard, Shurtleff; on the Mather District, Messrs. Cushing, Swan, Sanford, Shurtleff, Willard; on the Gibson District, Messrs. Sanford, Cushing, Swan, Willard, Packard; on the Harris District, Messrs. Adams, Porter, McKendry, Brown, Kneeland; on the Minot District, Messrs. Porter, Brown, McKendry, Kneeland, Adams; on the Stoughton District, Messrs. McKendry, Porter, Kneeland, Brown, Adams, Allen, of Ward 1; on the Tileston District, Messrs. McKendry, Porter, Kneeland, Brown, Adams.

The Board confirmed the nominations.

Dorchester District: election of masters.

On motion of Dr. Cushing, the Board voted to proceed to choose masters of the schools in the Dorchester District.

Dorchester-Everett School.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, the Board voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of master for the Dorchester-Everett School.

Petition in the behalf of Roland F. Alger.

Dr. Cushing submitted and read a petition signed by two hundred and eighty residents in the Dorchester-Everett School District, representing that Mr. Alger's discharge of his duty had been very satisfactory, and requesting that he be retained as master of the school.

The petition was accepted and placed on file.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allen, of Ward 1, McKendry and Foster, a committee to collect the ballots.

The committee proceeded and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 66; necessary for a choice, by the rules, 50. Roland F. Alger had 41; Charles W. Hill, 16, Orlendo W. Dimick, 7, Henry H. Kimball, 2; whereby it appeared there was no choice, and the Board proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result: whole number of ballots, 63. Charles W. Hill had 2, Orlendo W. Dimick, 5, two others had 1 each, Roland F. Alger had 54; and Mr. Alger was declared elected. Roland F. Alger chosen.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, it was voted to ballot for the choice of a master for the Harris School. Harris School. The former committee collected the ballots, and reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 63; Edwin T. Horne had 59, and was declared chosen. Edwin T. Horne chosen.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, it was voted to ballot for the choice of a master for the Tileston School; Tileston School. the same committee collected the ballots and reported that the whole number of ballots was 63; and that Henry B. Miner had 61. Mr. Miner was accordingly declared chosen. Henry B. Miner chosen.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, moved that the Board ballot for the choice of a master of the Mather School. Mather School.

The committee proceeded and reported as follows: whole number of votes, 64. Roland F. Alger had 1 vote; Henry H. Kimball had 24; Daniel B. Hubbard, 39; and there was no choice. Proceeded to a second ballot: whole number of ballots, 68. Henry H. Kimball had 21; Daniel B. Hubbard, 46; Cyrus A. Page, 1; and there was no choice.

Proceeded again to ballot for the choice of a master No election.

for the Mather School, with the following result: whole number of ballots, 56; Henry H. Kimball had 14, Daniel B. Hubbard had 41; and there was no choice.

Gibson School.

Upon motion of Mr. Waterston, it was voted to ballot for the choice of a master for the Gibson School.

Petition in behalf of W. E. Endicott.

Mr. Waterston presented a petition signed by one hundred and twenty-five residents and pupils of the Gibson School District, asking that Mr. W. E. Endicott be retained as master of the Gibson School. Accepted and placed on file.

Yeas and Nays.

Dr. Palmer moved that the Board proceed without debate to ballot for a master for the Gibson School. Upon this motion, Mr. Allen, of Ward 1, moved, and it was voted to take the yeas and nays; but, before proceeding to this, a motion by Mr. Foster to adjourn, (without day) was carried, and the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

Mr. Brown presented a petition, signed by Daniel J. Haines and about two hundred parents and others, residents of the Gibson District, Ward 16, asking that William E. Endicott be retained as master of the Gibson School. Petition in behalf of W. E. Endicott.

Accepted and placed on file.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, of Ward 16, Richardson and Slade, a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a master of the Gibson School. The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 57; necessary for a choice by the Rules, 50. James E. Parker had one vote; Orlendo W. Dimick had 2; Charles W. Hill 3; Benjamin F. Morrison 12; William E. Endicott 39. No person having the requisite number of votes there was no choice. Ballot for master of the Gibson School.

It was voted to proceed to another ballot. The same committee were appointed to collect the ballots, and the following was the result of the balloting: whole number of ballots 51. Orlendo W. Dimick and Charles W. Hill had 1 vote each; Benjamin W. Morrison had 5; William E. Endicott 44; and there was no choice. No election.

Dr. Seaverns moved an adjournment, and it was carried, and the meeting then dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

High Schools: applications of pupils for admission to.

Ordered, That a committee of seven, to consist of the chairman of each of the committees on the High schools, and three from the Board at large, be appointed, to consider and report on the expediency of so amending or changing Sect. 3, Chap. VI. of the Rules and Regulations, that the evil at present existing on account of the applications of pupils below the first class for admission to the High schools, may be corrected; and that the Superintendent be added to the committee.

Gibson School.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins, the Board took from the table the matter of the election of a master of the Gibson School.

The Chair stated the question before the Board to be upon proceeding without debate to ballot for the choice of a master of the Gibson School; and, as upon this question the Board had voted at the last meeting to take the yeas and nays, the Chair directed that the roll be called. The roll was then called and the following-named gentlemen voted yea, viz.: — Messrs. Bachelder, Baldwin, Bigelow, Cruft, Dillaway, Emery, Fallon, Flint, Fogg, Foster, Frost, Hosea, Johnson, Leonard, Lloyd, Monroe, James Morse, Ordway, Palmer, Prescott, Rankin, Rust, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Stedman, Thayer, Underwood and Woods, — 28; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: — Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, Brown, Cudworth, Cushing, Edson, Hall, Hutchins, Mason, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, Noble, Packard, Peterson, Porter, of Ward 2, Richardson, Seaverns, Slade, Swan, Thornton, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, and Willard, — 26.

Roll called. Yeas and Nays.

The question was accordingly decided in the affirmative.

gold and silver medals to be presented to the most distinguished graduates of the Girls' High School, etc.

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, the matter was referred for consideration to the Committee on the Girls' High School. Subsequently, on motion of Dr. Ordway, the vote whereby the subject was so referred was reconsidered. Mr. Monroe then moved, as an amendment, a reference of the subject to a select committee of five, the chairman of the committee on the Girls' High School to be the chairman of said committee. Thereupon, Dr. Shurtleff offered the following resolution as a substitute for the said motion of reference: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that no medals for girls should be established by the Board.

Mr. Monroe accepted the substitute in place of his proposed amendment.

The question then being upon the resolution as a substitute for the motion of reference, it was adopted. The question being now upon the resolution, the resolution passed.

The Tingley Automatic Heat Governor: petition of Henry Boyd.

Mr. Stedman submitted and read a communication signed Henry Boyd, asking this Board for a hearing on the merits of the Tingley Automatic Heat Governor, with a view of testing its capacity in regulating the heat of school-houses, etc., etc.; and moved its reference to the City Council, which motion passed.

G. T. Mansfield's communication.

The Chair read a communication from Gideon T. Mansfield, relative to his daughter Adeline S., stating that, having been admitted to the Girls' High School, she was refused a permit by her former teacher, the master of the Franklin School, and asking that the cause of refusal be thoroughly investigated. Thereupon, upon motion of Mr. Cudworth: —

(American authors), be deferred until a future meeting, to afford an opportunity for the examination of the books.

Latin School: text-books.

3. That it is inexpedient to introduce "Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar" and "Leighton's Latin Lessons" into the High schools.

The report was accepted.

Subsequently, upon motion of Mr. Underwood, so much of the report was reconsidered as relates to "Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar," and the matter was then recommitted to the Committee on Text-books.

Dr. Fogg, from the Committee on the English High School, submitted the following: —

English High School; salary of Albert Hale.

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to consider and report to this Board upon the expediency of placing Mr. Albert Hale, a newly appointed master in the English High School, upon the maximum salary of a master, from the time of his appointment.

English High School: study of Latin.

2. *Ordered*, That the study of Latin be introduced into the fourth year of the course for the English High School, as an elective study.

English High School: petition of masters.

3. A petition signed by L. W. Anderson, Moses Woolson, L. Hall Grandgent, Robert E. Babson and Albert Hale, masters in the English High School, asking the Board to be allowed a hearing in relation to their grade in the organization of the public schools, and to the salary paid them.

Both of the orders were adopted. The petition was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Hannah M. Dodd: donation for medals.

The Chair read a communication from the City Council, transmitting to this Board the proposition of the late Hannah M. Dodd to donate to the authorities of the city of Boston the sum of one thousand dollars, the interest thereof to be used for the purpose of procuring

tion of the recent orders of the Board establishing the salaries of the teachers, — offered the following order : —

Ordered, That the maximum salary of eight hundred dollars shall only be paid to those assistants and Primary teachers who have taught fully two years; that newly elected teachers shall receive the maximum salary only in accordance with the Rules of the Board, as per Chapter V., Section 7.

Maximum salary paid to assistants and Primary teachers.

The order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, offered the three following orders : —

1. *Ordered*, That the City pay the keeping of a horse for Mr. Hiram Wilde, while he performs the work assigned him by the Board, except during the summer vacations.

Keeping of a horse.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to approve bills for the National Educational Association, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

National Educational Association, bills for.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of the clerk employed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Schools be fixed at eight hundred dollars for the present school year.

Salary of Clerk of Sup't of Schools.

Orders one and two were adopted; order No. 3 was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-books, reported upon several matters, as follows : —

Report of Committee on Text-books.

1. *Ordered*, That "Eliot and Storer's Manual of Chemistry" be introduced into the Girls' High School, in place of "Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Chemistry."

Girls' High School: text-books.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules for the purpose.

2. Recommending that the consideration of "Haven's Rhetoric," "Whitman and Keene's Notes on Mineralogy," and "Underwood's Hand-Book of English Literature"

The committee recommended the passage of the order. The question being taken upon the order, it was adopted.

Normal School: salaries of teachers.

4. Upon the order, offered Sept. 10th, to provide that the salaries of the master's assistant and the other assistants in the Normal School be the same as the salaries paid to teachers of corresponding position in the Girls' High School.

The committee recommended instead the passage of the following order, which passed: —

Salaries of all instructors, etc.

Ordered, That the salaries of the master's head-assistant in the Normal School be fifteen hundred dollars per year; other assistants one thousand dollars per year.

Dudley School; salary of principal.

5. Upon the order referred to the committee, July 9th, to provide that the salaries of all instructors not otherwise provided for be the same as "for the present year; except the salary of the principal of the Dudley School, which shall be $2,400;" and, also, upon the amendment proposed to said order, to provide that "the salary of the master's head-assistant in the Roxbury High School shall be $1,800."

The committee reported adversely to the proposed increase of the salary of the principal of the Dudley School; and recommended the adoption of the proposed amendment, and of the order, with the exception of so much of it as relates to the salary of the principal of the Dudley School.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations of the committee adopted, as follows, to wit: —

Roxbury High School: salary of head-assistant.

Ordered, That for the school year commencing Sept. 1st, 1872, the salaries of all instructors not otherwise ordered be the same as for the past year, except the salary of the master's head-assistant in the Roxbury High School, which shall be $1,800.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, — in consequence of a difference in the construc-

2. By Mr. Noble: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish temporary accommodations for an additional Primary class in the Prescott District.

Prescott District: accommodations.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order: —

Ordered, That on and after the next promotion of the classes in the Primary schools, in February, the pupils in those schools shall be taught reading by the use of the edition of Hillard's Primary Readers, printed in Leigh's pronouncing type.

Hillard's Primary Readers: in Leigh's pronouncing type.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Dr. Packard submitted reports from the Committee on Salaries, as follows: —

1. Upon the matter of the salaries of the teacher of French in the English High School, and the teachers of French and German in the Dorchester High School; and offered the following orders, both of which were adopted: —

English High and Dorchester High Schools: salaries of teachers of French and German.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Dracopoli be seventeen hundred dollars for the present year.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of French in the Dorchester High School be seven hundred dollars, and of the teacher of German six hundred dollars, for the school year, commencing Sept. 1, 1872.

2. Upon the order, offered July 9th, to provide that the compensation of the head-masters and masters of the High schools be increased in the same ratio as the salaries of the masters of the Grammar schools.

Salaries of head-masters and masters of High Schools.

The committee reported that the order ought not to pass. Accepted.

3. Upon the order reported by the Committee on Drawing (Sept. 10th), to provide that the salaries of the principals of the Evening Drawing Schools be ten dollars per night, and of the assistants five dollars per night, when actually employed by the committee.

Evening Drawing Schools: Salaries of teachers.

accepted: Nathan E. Willis, sub-master in the English High School; Philura Wright, a head-assistant, and Abbie A. Cooke, an assistant, in the Chapman School; Mary Lincoln and Harriette K. Dunham, Primary teachers in the Dearborn District; Josephine O. Paine, a Primary teacher in the Eliot District; Emily A. Siesbüttel, an assistant in the Hancock School; Caroline B. Bigelow, an assistant in the Prescott School.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following order: —

Kindergarten School.

Ordered, That, with the consent of the committee on the Girls' High School, the Kindergarten committee may transfer the Kindergarten School from Somerset street to a room in the basement of the Girls' High School building, on West Newton street.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, the order was laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Ricker: —

Lot of land on West Newton street.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and Grammar School Sections be requested to consider and report to the City Council, whether or not the lot of land owned by the city on West Newton street, adjoining the Union Church lot on Columbus avenue, corner of West Newton street, is required for school purposes.

Upon motion of Mr. Willard: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to report upon the expediency of establishing a Primary school in the vicinity of Beacon, Gloucester and Marlboro' streets.

The following orders were offered, and were referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers: —

1. By Dr. Cushing: —

Dorchester. Mather District: additional room.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish an additional room for the accommodation of the Mather District.

than A. Lane, 52. No person having the required number of votes, there was no choice. The convention balloted again, with the following result: the whole number of ballots was 73; Frank E. Bundy had 8; Jonathan A. Lane had 65, and was declared chosen.

Jonathan A. Lane chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Gibson School.

The Chair stated the business upon which the Board was engaged, previous to adjournment at the meeting of Sept. 10, to have been the election of a master of the Gibson School.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, it was voted that the matter be laid upon the table.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

Mary G. Shaw was confirmed as an assistant in the Wells School.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

English High School. — John F. Carey and C. O. Whitman, as sub-masters.

Dearborn School District. — Belle J. Dunham, an assistant, and Annie M. Croft, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 1.

Eliot School District. — Nellie Fitzgerald, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1.

Lawrence School. — Mr. D. A. Hamlin, as sub-master, commencing Sept. 1.

Lincoln School District. — Lydia Curtis, an assistant, and Ella M. Warner, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2.

Lyman School. — Louise A. Small, an assistant, commencing Sept. 16.

Prescott School. — Florence H. Drew, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1.

The following resignations were presented and

date for filling the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel G. Bowdlear, reported the name of Frank E. Bundy.

Convention.

The Board of Aldermen entered the Council Chamber, and the convention was held.

The Chair appointed Alderman Clark, and Messrs. Monroe and Foster, a committee to collect the ballots for filling the vacancy in the place of Loring Lothrop.

The committee proceeded, and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 61; necessary for a choice, 54. J. A. Lane had 1 vote; John T. Beckley had 2, Edward E. Batchelder, 5, A. K. Tilden, 53; by which it appeared that there was no election.

The convention proceeded again to ballot, with the following result: whole number of ballots, 67; necessary for a choice, 54. There were two blanks; John T. Beckley had 3 votes, Edward E. Batchelder, 4, A. K. Tilden, 58. Mr. Tilden had the requisite number of votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

A. K. Tilden chosen.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cutter, and Messrs. Mason and Fallon, a committee to collect the ballots for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry C. Hunt. The convention balloted with the following result: whole number of ballots, 66; necessary for a choice, 54. E. D. Vannevar had 9, Samuel A. Green, 57. Mr. Green having the requisite number of votes was declared chosen.

Samuel A. Green chosen.

The Chair appointed Alderman Little, and Messrs. Porter, of Ward 16, and Badger, a committee to collect the ballots for filling the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel G. Bowdlear.

The committee subsequently reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 69; necessary for a choice, 54. S. B. Stebbins had 1 vote; Frank E. Bundy, 16, Jona-

In School Committee, Boston, Sept. 24, 1872.

Agreeably to an order passed at a meeting of the School Committee, Sept. 10, a meeting of the Board was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose, in convention with the Mayor and Aldermen, of filling the vacancies in the School Committee, caused by the death of Samuel G. Bowdlear, of Ward 10, and the resignations of Loring Lothrop, of Ward 4, and Henry C. Hunt, of Ward 8; and, also, by order of the President, for the transaction of any business that might come before the Board. His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Brigham, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Fraser, Garceau, Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Perkins, Plummer, Reynolds, Tucker, Waterston, Whelton, White, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair called upon the committees appointed at the last meeting to nominate suitable candidates for filling the vacancies, to make their reports.

Dr. Hall, from the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Loring Lothrop, reported the name of A. K. Tilden.

Mr. Foster, from the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry C. Hunt, reported the name of Samuel A. Green.

Mr. Flint, from the committee to nominate a candi-

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 8, 1872.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th day of October, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Brigham, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Fogg, Garceau, Hobbs, Kneeland, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Means, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Perkins, Plummer, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thornton, Toland, Whelton, White, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in committees, all of which the Board confirmed, to wit: Vacancies in committees filled.

Mr. Tilden in place of Loring Lothrop on the committees on the schools for Licensed Minors, the Girls' High School and the Phillips and Wells School Districts; Mr. Lane in place of Mr. Bowdlear, on the committees on the School for Deaf Mutes, the Roxbury High School, and the Boylston, Everett, Franklin and Rice School Districts; Mr. Green in place of Mr. Hunt, on the committees on the Girls' High School, and the Dwight, Rice and Winthrop School Districts.

The Chair stated that the business upon which the Board was engaged at the time of its adjournment, Sept. 24th, was the election of a master of the Gibson Gibson School: mastership.

School, which, accordingly, was the business in order at this time.

Death of George F. Haskins.

Dr. Shurtleff arose and asked leave to offer the following resolutions: —

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death one who has for a long series of years very faithfully served the city in this Board, therefore, —

Resolutions.

Resolved: That, the Board of School Committee has learned with much sorrow and regret that the Reverend George Foxcroft Haskins has been taken from this life by death.

Resolved: That, in all the relations which he had with the members of this Board, his course has been strongly marked by his disinterested efforts for the good of the public schools, and for increasing their excellence, and for promoting harmony among the committee, the teachers, and the pupils; and that his memory will be cherished by his former associates with deep regard, and with sincere respect.

The question upon the resolutions was taken by the members rising and standing in their places, and they were unanimously adopted.

Gibson School: mastership.

The Chair then appointed a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a master of the Gibson School, consisting of Messrs. Porter, of Ward 16, Richardson and Wentworth. The committee proceeded and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 43; necessary for a choice, by the rules, 50. Charles W. Hill had 2 votes; Orlendo W. Dimick had 3; Benjamin F. Morrison, 4; William E. Endicott, 34. A less number than a quorum of the Board having voted, there was no election. Voted to proceed to another ballot. The Board then balloted with the following result: whole number of ballots 50; Charles W. Hill had 2;

Orlendo W. Dimick, 3; Benjamin F. Morrison, 4; William E. Endicott, 41. No person having the required number of votes there was no election.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, it was voted to lay upon the table the matter of the election of a master of the Gibson School, and to proceed to the election of a master of the Minot School. Minot School: mastership.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, it was voted that the committee upon the examination of candidates for masters of the schools in the Dorchester District be requested to make known to the Board their views of the candidates proposed by them for the various schools. This was done by Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, chairman of the committee.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Sanford, Merrill, of Ward 14, and James Morse a committee to collect the ballots for a master of the Minot School, who attended to that duty, and afterwards reported that the whole number of votes was 57; all of them for Joseph T. Ward, Jr., who was declared chosen. Joseph T. Ward, Jr., elected.

Upon motion of Dr. Hall, the Board voted to proceed to elect a master of the Stoughton School. Stoughton School: mastership.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, presented a petition, signed by Charles F. Swan, and forty-three others, residents in the Stoughton School District, in favor of the election of Edward M. Lancaster. Accepted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Palmer, Badger, and Cushing a committee to collect the ballots. The committee reported that the whole number of ballots was 60; all of them for Edward M. Lancaster, who was declared chosen. Edward M. Lancaster, elected.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, voted to ballot for the choice of a master of the Mather School. Mather School: mastership.

Dr. Ordway withdrew the name of Henry H. Kimball as a candidate for the position.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Packard, McKendry and Swan, a committee to collect the ballots; who proceeded, and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots 58. James E. Parker and Henry H. Kimball had 1 vote each; Daniel B. Hubbard had 56, and was declared elected.

Daniel B. Hubbard elected.

Gibson School: mastership.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, voted to take from the table the matter of the election of a master of the Gibson School.

Mr. Underwood also moved and it was voted to request the examining committee to give to the Board any information they might be able to give regarding the candidates for the position to be filled.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, submitted and read the information desired.

Considerable discussion then ensued upon the character and qualifications of Mr. William E. Endicott; after which, upon motion of Mr. Foster, it was voted that a committee be appointed to collect the ballots for the choice of a master of the Gibson School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, of Ward 16, Rust, and Wentworth a committee to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots cast was 60; that James E. Parker had 2 votes; Orlendo W. Dimick had 3; Charles W. Hill, 8; Benjamin F. Morrison, 9; and William E. Endicott, 38; whereby it appeared there was no choice.

Upon motion of Mr. Foster, the Board voted to take another ballot. The same committee proceeded to collect the ballots; and afterwards reported as follows: whole number of ballots 61. James E. Parker and Orlendo W. Dimick had one vote each; Benjamin F.

Morrison, 6; Charles W. Hill, 11; William E. Endicott, 42. No choice.

Upon motion of Mr. Foster, voted to take another ballot, the result of which was as follows: whole number of ballots cast, 56. Benjamin F. Morrison had one vote; James E. Parker, 2; Charles W. Hill, 14; William E. Endicott, 39; and there was again no choice. No election.

Upon motion of Mr. Washburn it was voted to lay the business in which the Board was engaged upon the table.

Voted, upon motion of Dr. Reynolds, that, when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to two weeks from to-night. Adjournment.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-books, reported the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended and the order was then adopted, to wit: — Report of the Committee on Text-books: text-books in Girls' High School.

Ordered, That Haven's Rhetoric be introduced into the Girls' High School, in place of Bain's Rhetoric, heretofore in use in that school.

Mr. Hutchins also offered the following order: — Text-books in High and Normal Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be requested to report in print to this Board the courses of study in the several High schools, and the Normal school, and the text-books used in these schools.

Mr. Foster hereupon raised the question as to whether a quorum of the Board was present, and the Chair directed that the roll be called, and the roll having been called, it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were absent, viz.: — Roll called.

Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Badger, Baldwin, Brigham, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cruft, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Dunning, Edson, Fennelly, Flint, Fogg, Fraser, Garceau, Hall, Hobbs, Jarvis, Kneeland, Leonard, Lothrop, Maguire, Means, Merrill, Absent.

of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Perkins, Plummer, Read, of Ward 10, Richardson, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Whelton, White, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

No quorum. Forty-eight gentlemen only having responded as the names were called, the Chair declared that a quorum was not present.

Upon motion of Dr. Palmer, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 22, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, 1872, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Allen, of Ward 14, Brigham, Clock, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cruft, Cudworth, Edson, Fallon, Fogg, Foster, Garceau, Jarvis, Leonard, Maguire, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, Noble, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Richardson, Ricker, Swan, Thayer, Toland, Upham, Washburn, Whelton, White, Willard, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the resignation of William W. Swan, from Ward 16, as a member of the Board, and the resignation was accepted. Mr. Sanford thereupon offered the following: — Resignation of William W. Swan.

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of William W. Swan, of Ward 16: —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, the 12th day of November next, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. Passed. Convention proposed.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, viz.: — Messrs. Sanford, Porter, of Ward 16, McKendry, Dillaway and Tucker.

Course of study and and text-books in High and Normal Schools.

The Chair stated the business before the Board to be the order offered by Mr. Hutchins previous to the adjournment, Oct. 8th, to provide that the Committee on Text-books report to this Board, in print, the courses of study and the text-books used in the several High schools and the Normal School.

The Chair put the question upon the order, and the order passed.

Teachers nominated, etc.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Girls' High School. — As assistants, Ellen M. Folsom and Lucy R. Woods, commencing Sept. 9; Laura B. White, commencing Sept. 30; Mary J. Allison, commencing Oct. 1; Lillie B. Holbrook, commencing Oct. 28.

Adams School District. — Ellen James, a Primary teacher, commencing Nov. 1.

Franklin School District. — Margaret C. Schouler, an assistant, commencing Oct. 1; and Margaret J. T. Crosby, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2.

Lawrence School. — C. G. Emery, usher, commencing Sept. 30.

Phillips School District. — Martha A. Knowles, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1; Mary Elizabeth Franklin, commencing Sept. 1, and Josephine O. Hedrick, commencing Sept. 12, both Primary teachers.

Rice School. — Martha J. Porter, an assistant, commencing Oct. 1.

Dorchester-Everett School. — Anna M. Foster, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1.

Stoughton School. — Elizabeth U. Page, head-assistant, commencing Sept. 1.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Catherine E. Cook from the Tileston to the Stoughton School.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Kate D. Williams, an assistant, commencing Sept. 2. School for Deaf Mutes.

Mr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on the Evening Schools, nominated the following teachers for those Schools: — Evening School: teachers.

Evening High School. — William Nichols, Roscoe P. Owen, Henry N. Sheldon, William A. Moriarty, Sidney Brooks, Carl Jansen, Charles E. Stetson, Godfrey A. Morse, Charles A. Drew.

East Boston. — Winfield S. Hutchinson, principal. Ada D. Prescott, Emma L. Reynolds, Mary A. Obing, Ellen S. Taylor, Clara A. Otis, Adeline H. Cook, Harriet E. Litchfield, H. Ella Peaslee, Clara George, Susan Littlefield.

Warrenton Street Chapel. — William G. Babcock, principal. John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thos. Vose, Mrs. Josephine Rowes, Mrs. Mary Glines, Mrs. Josephine Drew.

Anderson Street. — Miss C. A. Caverly, principal. Annie Knowlton, Mary N. Beal, Martha H. Beal, Lavinia F. Pitcher, Lottie Lobdell, Georgina H. Smith, Ellen M. Fisher, C. S. Fisher, Mrs. I. F. Moulton, Emeline Fish.

Franklin School-house. — E. P. Gerry, principal. Elizabeth H. Soule, Ella B. Veazie, Rebecca P. Claggett, Elizabeth A. Phelps, George A. Brown, Abby H. Griffith, P. A. Hinckley, Annie Gardner, Etta Whitney.

Chambers Street Chapel. — Loring Lothrop, principal. F. W. Rollins, H. L. Richards, H. E. White, E. E. Morrill, F. M. Wilson, S. P. Rowe, E. L. Preble, H. N. Hill.

Harrison Avenue. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal. Guy A. T. Lincoln, George H. Marshall, Emma F. Swain, Mary Walton, Abbie E. Holt, Ellen M. O'Connor, Charles H. Eaton, Mary E. Sanford, M. Fanny

Rugg, Francis V. Keyes, Jane Rosenberger, Amelia E. N. Treadwell, Annie M. Bailey, Julia F. Sweney.

Cabot Street. — Benj. Merriam, principal. Delia Mansfield, Harriet E. Colligan, Clemena B. Moore, Emma A. Peterson, Anna Murphy, Elizabeth Sanborn, Emma Colligan, Delia I. Killison.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Packard, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted reports upon matters which had been referred to that committee: —

English High School: petition of masters.

1. Upon the petition signed by masters in the English High School, asking a hearing in relation to their *grade*, and the salary paid to them.

The committee reported that they had given the desired hearing, and that it is inexpedient to take action.

Accepted.

Salary of Albert Hale.

2. Upon the expediency of placing Mr. Albert Hale, a newly appointed master in the English High School, upon the maximum salary of a master.

The committee reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That the maximum salary be paid to Mr. Albert Hale, from the time of his appointment as master of the English High School.

Passed.

Salary of clerk of Supt. of Schools.

3. Upon the order to provide that the salary of the clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Schools be fixed at eight hundred dollars for the present school year; — recommending the adoption of the order. The question upon the order was taken, and the order was adopted. (Page 93.)

English High School: salary of John P. Brown.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, the Board took from the table the order (page 48), proposing to pay Mr. J. P. Brown, a sub-master in the English High School, the sum of five hundred dollars for his services as a teacher

of music before that branch in said school, was brought under the supervision of the Committee on Music. The question was then taken upon the order, and the order passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the propriety of providing that this Board hold semi-monthly sessions for nine months of the year.

Semi-monthly meetings of the Board.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That Olney's School Algebra be introduced in the Dorchester High School.

Dorchester High School: text-books.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to confer with the Committee on the Girls' High School, and report to this Board a list of Latin text-books for the Girls' High School. Passed.

Girls' High School: Latin Text-books.

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Girls' High School be authorized to employ an assistant in the Laboratory of the school at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Asssistant in Laboratory.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish with settees the "Grammar-school room" in the basement of the Girls' High School, so that the room may be used for the music-lessons. Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Settees in Grammar school-room.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-Books, reported the following orders, and moved that the rules be suspended for action upon the first two orders at this time. The rules were suspended, and all of the orders were adopted, to wit:

Report of Committee on Text-books.

1. *Ordered*, That "Underwood's Handbook of English Literature" — American Authors — be introduced

Underwood's Hand-book

of English Literature (American Authors).

into all the High schools into which the previous volume — English Authors — has been introduced.

Eng.-High School: Mineralogy.

2. *Ordered*, That Whitman and Keene's Mineralogy be introduced as a text-book in the English High School.

English-High School: Latin Text-books.

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the English High School be authorized to select such Latin text-books from the list authorized for the Latin School as they shall deem best for the use of the advanced class in the English High School.

The following orders were passed under a suspension of the rules: —

1. Offered by Mr. Hobbs: —

Maximum salary to Miss Lovell.

Ordered, That Miss Elizabeth Lovell be paid the maximum salary as a Primary teacher from the time of her appointment, September, 1872. — Comins District.

2. Offered by Mr. Flint: —

Maximum salary to Miss Wyman.

Ordered, That Miss Ella F. Wyman, teacher of the first class in the Appleton street Primary school, Rice District, be paid the maximum salary of a Primary school teacher, commencing with the current school year.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following order: —

Comins District: new Grammar school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a Grammar school-house upon the lot of land purchased by the City on Houghton place, for the accommodation of the Comins District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the following: —

Dorchester District: salaries of re-elected masters.

The schools in the Dorchester District not having opened till the 12th of September, owing to the non-election of the masters of that district: —

Ordered, That the salaries of all re-elected masters in the Dorchester schools commence with the first of September, 1872. Passed.

Dr. Johnson submitted reports from the Committee on School Houses upon matters which had been referred to that committee. Reports of Committee on School Houses.

1. Upon the order (Sept. 24th) requesting the Committee on School Houses to consider and report to the City Council whether or not the lot of land on West Newton street, etc., is required for school purposes. The committee reported that, in their opinion, said lot of land *is* required for school purposes. Accepted. Lot of land on West Newton street.

2. Upon the order instructing the committee on School Houses to report upon the expediency of establishing a Primary school in the vicinity of Beacon, Gloucester and Marlboro streets. The committee reported the following order, which passed: — Primary school in vicinity of Marlboro and Fairfield streets.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable accommodations for a Primary school near the junction of Marlboro with Fairfield streets.

3. Upon the order to request the City Council to furnish an additional room for the accommodation of the Mather District, Dorchester (page 90); — recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order, and the order was adopted. Mather District: additional room.

4. Upon the order to request the City Council to furnish accommodations for a Primary school in the Prescott District; — recommending the passage of the order (page 91). Accepted, and the order passed. Prescott District: accommodations.

5. Upon the order to request the City Council to purchase land for the use of the Minot School; — recommending the passage of the following order: — Minot School: land to be purchased.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land in the rear of the Minot School-house, for certain accommodations required by that school.

Dr. Johnson offered the following order: —

Land for Grammar School-house on Back Bay lands.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land upon the Back Bay lands, so called, north of the Boston and Albany Railroad, for the erection of a Grammar School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown: —

Evening School for Mechanical Drawing: rooms for.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to prepare the rooms upon the upper floor of the Starr King School-house for the use of the Evening School for instruction in Mechanical Drawing.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following order: —

Shurtleff District: new Primary class.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish accommodations for an additional Primary class in the Shurtleff District.

The order was referred to the Committee on School Houses, who subsequently reported, recommending the passage of the order. The order was then adopted.

Gibson School: mastership.

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchins, the Board voted to ballot for the choice of master for the Gibson School. The Chair appointed the same committee who served at the last meeting to collect the ballots, who reported as follows: whole number of ballots, 54; necessary for a choice by the rules, 50. B. F. Morrison and E. B. Young had 1 vote each; Charles W. Hill had 10 votes; Willian E. Endicott had 42; whereby it appeared there was no choice. The Board proceeded to ballot again, and with the following result: whole number of ballots, 53. Charles W. Hill had 14; William E. Endicott had 39; and there was no choice.

No election.

Upon motion of Dr. Ordway the matter was laid upon the table; and, upon motion of the same gentleman, the meeting then dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 12, 1872.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of November, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

No quorum being present; and it being evident that a quorum would not be present, the meeting, on motion of Ex-Mayor Shurtleff, was dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 3, 1872.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by order of the President, in the Common Council Chamber, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the third day of December, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. No quorum being present, upon motion of Mr. Waterston, the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 10, 1872.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. In the absence of the President of the Board, the Secretary called the meeting to order. Upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted that Mr. Learnard be requested to take the chair. There being a question as to whether a quorum was present, the Chair directed that the roll be called, when it appeared that the follow-

ing-named gentlemen were absent: viz., Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Allen of Ward 1, Bachelder, Badger, Baldwin, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Fogg, Fraser, Garceau, Green, Hosea, Jarvis, Johnson, Kneeland, Lane, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Prescott, Rankin, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Tilden, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Washburn, Whelton, White, Willard, Woodbury, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council; and a quorum was not present, forty-one gentlemen only having responded as their names were called. The meeting then, by vote, waited fifteen minutes, after which, upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, the roll was again called, to see if a quorum were present. The roll was called, when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were absent, viz.: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 1, Bachelder, Badger, Baldwin, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Flint, Fogg, Fraser, Garceau, Green, Hosea, Hutchins, Jarvis, Johnson, Kneeland, Lane, Leonard, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Palmer, Prescott, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Seaverns, Shattuck, Slade, Stedman, Thayer, Thornton, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, White, Willard, Woodbury, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council; forty-three gentlemen only responded, and a quorum was not present; thereupon, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 17, 1872.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Clock, Connor, Conboye, Cudworth, Fennelly, Garceau, Green, Kneeland, Lloyd, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Palmer, Shattuck, Stedman, Thornton, Whelton, White, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair appointed Mr. Foster upon the Winthrop School District Committee, and Dr. Shurtleff upon the committee to prepare the Annual Report, in place of Mr. Means, who declined serving. Dr. Shurtleff afterwards declined to serve, and was excused. App'ts on Committees on Winthrop District and Annual Report.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed, etc.

Girls' High School. — —— Sheldon, an assistant, commencing Sept. 9th.

Chapman School. — Lucy E. Woodwell, an assistant.

Comins School District. — —— Putnam, a Primary teacher.

Eliot School District. — Ellen Fitzgerald, a Primary teacher.

Phillips School District. — Mary E. Franklin and Josephine O. Hedrick, Primary teachers.

Rice School District. — Emma L. Wyman, a Primary teacher.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Ellen C. Jordan and Kate D. Williams.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Roxbury High School. — Clara H. Balch, an assistant, commencing Nov. 6.

Bigelow School District. — Abby J. Adams, an assistant, commencing Sept. 4; and Emily T. Smith, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 1.

Dearborn School District. — Mary E. Aldrich, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 16.

Hancock School District. — Mary E. P. McNeil, an assistant, commencing Dec. 1; and Mary L. Desmond, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 10, 1872.

Lyman School District. — Frances I. Dayley, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 28.

Norcross School District. — Mary R. Roberts, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 2.

Prescott School District. — Abby W. Nye, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1.

Rice School District. — Sarah E. Bowers, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 3.

Sherwin School District. — Anna B. Carter, an assistant, commencing Nov. 7; and Louisa Ayer, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 1.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Charles E. Swett, sub-master in the Washington School, to commence Jan. 2, 1873; and Celia A. Scribner, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 24.

Dorchester-Everett School. — Sarah M. Bearse, an assistant, commencing Sept. 17.

Gibson School. — Elizabeth C. Shove, an assistant, commencing Nov. 1.

Supt. of Vocal and Physical Culture.

The Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., nominated as superintendent in that branch, Mr. Moses T. Brown. The nomination was confirmed by the Board.

Dr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on the Evening Schools, nominated the following teachers for those schools: — Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Winfield S. Hutchinson, W. B. French.

East Boston. — Richard F. Kay, principal.

Warrenton St. Chapel. — Fanny L. Babcock.

Old Franklin School-house. — Ella I. Makone, Anna V. Knowles, Mary F. Knowles, Mary L. Halden.

North Bennet Street. — Everett Boynton, principal; Almira Bixby, Mary E. McNeil, Kate Sinnott, Ella Marks, Emma Fisk, Maggie E. Robinson.

Hampden Street. — James W. Fox, principal; Carrie J. Harris, Miss Leavitt, Mary Finneran.

Cabot Street. — Rhoda A. Lawrence, Susan Williams, Frances Kelley.

South Boston. — John C. Coombs, principal; Angeline L. Morse, Katherine A. Ottiwell, Cynthia A. Beckler, Eva C. Smith, Mary E. Salom, Elizabeth Mahoney, Ellen B. Galvin, Emma J. Vose, George J. Tufts.

Free Evening Drawing Schools. — Charles Furneaux, principal of the Free-hand drawing school; Daniel W. Webster, principal of the Instrumental school; G. H. Bartlett, principal of the Cast-drawing school; Clarence S. Ward, Geo. H. Young, Edward Paul, Willis H. Myrick, Frank B. Morse, C. Willis Damon, J. L. Frisbe, assistants.

The resignations were presented and accepted of Elizabeth E. White, Primary teacher in the Chapman District; Clara L. Hewes, Primary teacher in the Dearborn District; Mary A. Ross, assistant, and Grace M. Harkins, Primary teacher in the Hancock District.

Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted reports upon matters which had been referred to that committee, as follows: — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Retiring of teachers upon half pay.

1. Upon the order (May 14th) as to retiring upon half-pay teachers who have served for twenty-five years, etc.

The Committee reported that the Board had no power to appropriate money for the object specified.

Accepted.

Annual Musical Festival.

2. Upon the order (March 12th) requesting the committee so to amend Sect. 37, Chap. IX., as to make it conform to the present usage in regard to holding the annual musical festival.

The Committee offered the following order: —

Regulations amended.

Ordered, That in the fourth and fifth lines of Sect. 37, Chapter IX., the following words be stricken out, "on the Wednesday preceding the close of the spring term," and in place thereof the words, "in the month of May," be inserted.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Artillery Election.

3. Upon the order (Sept. 10th) proposing to amend Sect. 38, Chap. IX., of the Regulations by striking out the words "Artillery Election."

The Committee reported that the holiday for the schools was a useless one, inasmuch as the ceremonies of the day which are of interest to the children do not take place until late in the afternoon, and after the close of school, and they therefore recommended the adoption of the following order: —

Regulations amended.

Ordered, That Sect. 38, Chap. IX., of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the words "Artillery Election."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Head Prim. teacher.

4. Upon the orders (May 14th and June 11th) as to the expediency of providing that, in the organization of the Primary schools, one teacher in each school shall have the title of Head Primary teacher; and of granting ad-

d'tional compensation to a superintending teacher of the first class in the Primary schools of double grade. Superintending Primary teacher.

The Committee reported that it is inexpedient to make any changes in the grades of our Primary schools at this time.

5. Upon the order (June 11th) directing the Committee to consider and report with whom rests the authority to order out the High School battalions to do escort duty, etc., and what are the rights and powers of the Mayor, of the committees on the several High Schools, and of the Committee on Military Drill in this matter, and whether any legislation upon the subject is necessary on the part of this Board. High School Battalion.

The Committee reported that the rules of the Board are now explicit upon the matter of exhibitions on the part of the pupils in any special study, and that it would not be judicious to make any change in the rules upon the subjects named in the order. Accepted.

6. Upon the order (Oct. 22d) that the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the propriety of providing that this Board hold semi-monthly sessions for nine months of the year. Semi-monthly meetings of the Board.

The Committee report that they are of the opinion that some change in conducting the business of the Board might be made which would be beneficial, but they were not prepared to report upon the subject, and they recommended a reference of the subject to the next Board. The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Mr. Ricker, from the Committee on Accounts, reported, recommending that the following-named pupils be excused from the payment of tuition: —

Girls' High School. — Misses Amelia Leighton, M. F. Smith, Nellie Wallace, M. L. Hobert, and Carrie Haven. In the *English High School*, Masters Hurlbutt and Buss;

that the following be allowed to remain upon payment of one half the amount: *Girls' High School*, Misses Kate Summers, M. F. Jones, and Bessie McDonald; in the *English High School*, Master Bouvé; in the *Latin School*, Master J. W. Walker; and in the *Latin School* the masters Hodges, upon the payment of seventy-five dollars each. The report was accepted.

Mr. Ricker also offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts, in conjunction with the Committees on the Girls' High and the Boston Normal Schools, be authorized to prepare and have engraved a suitable diploma for each of those schools, the original plates having been destroyed in the fire of Nov. 9th and 10th.

Report of Committee on text-books.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-books, reported recommending the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That Harkness' Latin Grammar and Latin Reader be introduced into the Girls' High School in place of the Latin text-books now in use.

Ordered, That "Upham's Mental Philosphy, Abridged" be introduced into the Girls' Normal School.

Ordered, That Mayhew's Book-keeping be used in the Girls' High School instead of Comer's, for the remainder of the present school year.

The orders were severally adopted.

The Committee on Text-books also reported in regard to an application for an introduction of Olney's Complete School Algebra into the Dorchester High School, that, being desirous of securing a uniformity in text-books throughout the city as far as is practicable, and wishing to examine other books, they defer making any recommendation at present. Accepted.

Mr. Slade, from the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., asked, and was granted leave for that committee to report in print.

Com. on Vocal and Physical Culture.

The Committee also nominated Prof. Moses T. Brown as teacher of Vocal and Physical Culture, and the nomination was confirmed.

Dr. Johnson, from the Committee on School Houses, reported upon matters referred to that committee, as follows: —

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

1. Upon the order (Oct. 22d) relative to furnishing with settees a room in the Girls' High School-house, so that the room may be used for the music lessons.

Girls' High School-house.

2. Upon the order (Oct. 22d) to provide for the erection of a Grammar School-house for the accommodation of the Comins' School Section.

Comins School Section; new school-house.

The Committee recommended the passage of the two orders, and they were both adopted.

3. Upon the order (Oct. 22d) to provide for the purchase of a lot of land upon the Back Bay lands for the erection of a Grammar School-house, recommending the passage of the order.

Land for School-house on Back Bay lands.

Upon motion of Mr. Prescott, the subject was recommitted to the same committee.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on School Houses, and it was so referred. The Committee on School Houses immediately reported, recommending the passage of the order, and the question being taken upon the order, it was adopted as follows: —

Lincoln School-house lot; additional land for.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase so much land adjoining the lot of the Lincoln School-house, on its western side, as will protect the windows of the school from being overshadowed by the

erection of buildings on the line of said lot, and will diminish the danger of fire from such a source.

The Quarterly Reports not having been presented at the quarterly meeting of the Board in December, for want of a quorum, it was voted that the rules be suspended, to allow of their presentation at this meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Hall, it was voted that the reports be submitted by their titles, except in cases in which it may be deemed desirable that they be read.

The quarterly reports were then submitted, and accepted, with the exception of the reports on the Boylston, Franklin, Norcross, Quincy, Winthrop, Stoughton and Tileston Districts.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, it was voted that the Secretary request that the reports not presented at this, be presented at the next meeting.

Dearborn School; maximum salary to Miss Dunham.

Mr. Morse offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage at this time. The rules were suspended and the order was adopted: —

Ordered, That Miss Belle J. Dunham be paid the maximum salary as an assistant in the Dearborn School, from the time of her appointment, October 1, 1872.

Lewis School District; additional Primary accomodations.

Ordered,—On motion of Mr. Monroe, — That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of providing additional Primary School accommodations in the Lewis School District.

Gibson School; mastership.

On motion of Dr. Fogg, it was voted to take from the table the matter of the election of a master of the Gibson School; and it was likewise voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of said master. The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, of Ward 16, Deblois, and Badger, a committee to collect the ballots; who proceeded to that duty, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was seventy; that there were for E. B. Young

1 vote, Orlendo W. Dimick 3, B. F. Morrison 4, Charles W. Hill 14, and for William E. Endicott 47.

No person having 50 votes, as required by the rules, there was no choice. The meeting then proceeded to a second ballot. The whole number of ballots was 70; James W. Parker and Charles W. Hill had each 1 vote; Benjamin F. Morrison had 3, Orlendo W. Dimick had 6, E. B. Young had 7, William E. Endicott had 52. Whereupon Mr. Endicott was declared chosen.

William E. Endicott elected.

Mr. Sanford offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Mr. William E. Endicott, master of the Gibson School, receive the salary of other masters of the schools of the sixteenth ward, from the commencement of the present school year. Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Gibson School; master's salary.

Mr. Sanford offered the following order: —

Ordered, That William T. Adams, of Ward 16, Dr. Reynolds, of Ward 9, and Rev. Mr. Waterston, of Ward 11, be added to the Gibson School Committee for the present year. Laid upon the table, upon motion of Mr. Foster.

Gibson School Committee.

The Chair read a petition, signed by Mrs. William Endicott, jr., Mrs. Charles G. Loring, and five others, as members of the Woman's Education Association, asking the Board to consider favorably the report of the Committee on Industrial Schools, and to carry out, as soon as practicable, the orders it contains.

Petition of Woman's Educational Association; Industrial Schools.

The Board refused to take from the table, upon a motion made by Dr. Lothrop, the report of the Committee on Industrial Schools.

Mr. Monroe moved and it was voted to place the petition on file.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanford: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations

Scholars exposed to small-pox; attendance of at school.

consider and report at the next meeting of this Board, what additional regulation, if any, is required as to the attendance of scholars in the Grammar and Primary schools, whom the master shall have reason to believe have been exposed to the small-pox.

Salary of principal of Evening High School.

Dr. Fogg offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the principal of the Evening High School receive the same salary as the principals of the Evening Drawing Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Number of members on High Sch. Committee.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, — the Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board; and it was so referred: —

Ordered, That in Chapter I., Section 2, of the Rules and Regulations, the words "and standing committees of sixteen members each" in the eleventh line, and the words "each ward to be represented, and a committee of seven members on," in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines, be omitted; the word *the* to be substituted for the word *and* in the former half of the thirteenth line; the word *and* in the latter half of said line to be omitted; the word *and* to be inserted in the fifteenth line before "the Dorchester High School."

Petition of teachers residing in So. Boston.

Mr. Toland presented a petition from the teachers in the public schools resident in South Boston, asking the Board to appropriate the rooms in the South Boston Bank building, used for a School of Art, for the use of said teachers, instead of the rooms in the Appleton-street school-house. The petition was referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Single session of the schools.

Ordered, — On motion of Dr. Waldock, — That the Grammar and Primary Schools have a single session, from nine to one o'clock, on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

Dr. Waldock offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee be so amended that the Standing Committee of the Roxbury High School shall consist of two members from each Roxbury ward, and one member from each adjoining ward.

Committee on Roxbury High School.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, offered the following: —

Whereas, In the plan of the International Exposition, to be held in Vienna, in May next, provision has been made for the representation of school systems of all civilized countries; and

International Exposition at Vienna; committee appointed.

Whereas, The United States Commissioner of Education and the United States Commissioner to the Exposition are endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the educational authorities of the several States and of the principal cities of the Union, in providing for a proper representation of American systems of education at the Exposition;

Resolved, That a special committee of five members of this Board be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to aid in securing a suitable representation, at the Exposition, of the Boston system of public education.

The resolution was adopted, and, in accordance, the Chair appointed the committee as follows, viz.: — Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12; Merrill, of Ward 14; Thayer, James Morse, and Adams, of Ward 16.

Dr. Cushing offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the teacher of Drawing in Dorchester shall receive the same salary as is paid to the other teachers of Drawing of the same grade, viz., $2,500 per annum.

Salary of teacher of Drawing in Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Upon motion of Mr. Mason: —

Committee on High schools text-book committees for their schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report on the propriety of making the committees of the Latin and of the several High schools and of the Normal school the Text-book committees for their respective schools.

Mr. Sanford offered the following order: —

Evening Drawing School in Ward 16.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing consider the expediency of establishing an Evening Drawing School at some place in the 16th Ward.

High schools: application of pupils for admission to.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee, pursuant to an order passed Sept. 24th, to consider and report upon the expediency of amending or changing the regulations, so that the evil existing on account of applications of pupils below the first class for admission to the High schools may be corrected; viz., Messrs. Cudworth, Lothrop, Merrill, of Ward 14; Adams, of Ward 16; Read, of Ward 10; Hall and Waterston.

Upon motion of Mr. Noble: —

W. C. F. Tracy; police officer.

Ordered, That the sum of ($50) fifty dollars be paid to W. C. F. Tracy for services rendered to the School Board during the past year.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Underwood, to Monday, Dec. 30th, at the usual hour of meeting.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 30, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the Chair.

Absent: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, of Ward 14, Bigelow, Brown, Colman, Conboye, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Dunning, Fennelly, Fraser, Frost, Garceau, Green, Hosea, Jarvis, Lloyd, Lothrop, Maguire, McKendry, Means, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, of Ward 16, Read, of Ward 10, Ricker, Rust, Sanford, Slade, Thornton, Whelton, White, Willard, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed, etc.

Lincoln School. — Miss Ella Warner.

Phillips School District. — Martha A. Knowles, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated: —

Chapman and Prescott Schools. — Annie J. Noble, sewing teacher, to commence Jan. 1st, 1873.

Evening Schools. — John W. Brodrick, a teacher in the Hampden street school. Evening Schools.

The resignation of Jane M. Peaslee, a Primary teacher in the Chapman District, was read and accepted.

Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, read reports of that committee upon matters which had been referred to them for consideration. Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

1. Upon the order offered Dec. 17th, upon the matter of making the Committees on the Latin School and the Committees on High Schools,

text-book committee for their schools.

several High Schools and the Normal School the Committees on Text-Books for their respective schools.

The Committee reported the arguments in favor of the proposition to be as follows: — That the committee in charge of those schools are the best judges as to the text-books most suitable for those schools; that they are familiar with the progress of the pupils, and are able to determine whether any change in the text-books would be desirable; that there is no need of having the same text-books upon the same subject in the different schools; that formerly the matter was reposed in those committees; and, finally, that a more appropriate selection of books might be made, if the matter were now left with them. The Committee therefore recommended such amendments to Sect. 6, Chap. IV., as would give to the Committee on Text Books the consideration of changes in text-books in the Grammar and Primary schools; and such an amendment to Sect. 13, Chap. IV., as would require the Committees on the several High schools to perform the same duties in regard to the matter of text-books in those schools respectively, as are prescribed for the Committee on Text-Books.

Upon motion of Mr. Washburn, the subject was referred to the next Board.

High School committees: number of members upon.

2. Upon the order offered Dec. 17th, proposing to amend Chap. I., Sect. 2, so as to constitute the Committees on the Latin School, the several High Schools, and the Normal School, of seven members each; — reporting adversely to the passage of the order.

Dr. Reynolds moved to substitute the original order for the report of the committee.

Mr. Foster moved and it was voted to lay the subject upon the table and refer it to the next Board.

Committee on the Roxbury High School.

3. Upon the order offered Dec. 17th, proposing to constitute the Committee on the Roxbury High School

of two members from each of the wards in Roxbury, and one member from each of the wards adjoining.

The Committee recommended a change of the number constituting the committee on that school, upon the ground that the school is a local school, especially for pupils in the Highlands District; and that members of the Board in that section must be more interested in the success of the school than members appointed from distant parts of the city; and the Committee therefore recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That, in Sect. 2, Chap. I., the words "and the Roxbury High School," in the last part of the section, be stricken out; and the following words after "Dorchester High School" be added, "and nine members on the Roxbury High School, two from each Roxbury ward, and three at large."

Upon motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, the subject was referred to the next Board.

Scholars exposed to small-pox: attendance of at school.

4. Upon the order offered Dec. 17th, with respect to the attendance of scholars in the Grammar and Primary Schools who may have been exposed to the small-pox.

The Committee are of the opinion that, under the rule allowing district committees to make any temporary arrangement not contrary to the regulations, which the welfare of the schools or the teachers may require, the said committees already have ample power to take such action as may be necessary under the circumstances named in the order.

Accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, the following order was adopted under a suspension of the rules: —

Lincoln School: salary of a teacher.

Ordered, That Miss Laura Curtis, an assistant in the Lincoln School, elected as a head assistant by the local committee, and acting in said capacity, be allowed the

salary of head-assistant, commencing with the school year.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Packard read the reports of the Committee on Salaries, upon matters which had been referred to that committee.

Latin Schools: salary of Mr. Chadwick.

1. Upon the order offered July 9th, proposing to pay to Joseph W. Chadwick the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars to make his salary equal to that of the other promoted masters in the Latin School, from Sept. 1st, 1871, to Sept. 1st, 1872; — recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order and the order passed.

Girl's High School: assistant in laboratory.

2. Upon the order offered Oct. 22d, proposing to authorize the committee on the Girls' High School to employ an assistant in the laboratory, at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum; — recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order and the order was adopted.

Salary of teacher of Drawing in Dorchester.

3. Upon the order offered Dec. 17th, proposing that the teacher of Drawing in Dorchester shall receive the same salary as is paid to the other teachers of Drawing of the same grade, viz.: twenty-five hundred dollars per annum. The committee reported adversely to the passage of the order.

On motion of Dr. Cushing, the subject was referred to the next Board.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following: —

Rules amended.

Ordered, That Chap. 1, Sect. II. of the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to read, commencing in the last line but three, as follows: — the Girls' High School and the Roxbury High School, — each ward to be represented; a committee of seven members on the Normal School, and a committee of seven members on the Dorchester High School.

Mr. Hutchins moved that the rules be suspended for a passage of the order at this time.

The rules were suspended and the order was adopted.

Upon motion of Dr. Hall, all the unfinished business before the Board was referred to the next Board. Unfinished business.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to His Honor William Gaston, President of the School Committee, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided at the meetings during the past year, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness which he has extended to the members of the Board at all times during his presidency. Thanks to the President.

Mr. Washburn seconded the resolve, with some pleasant and complimentary remarks; after which, the question was taken upon the resolve, and it was adopted unanimously, the members rising and standing in their places.

The Mayor made a suitable response; at the conclusion of which, upon motion of Mr. Washburn, the meeting dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.